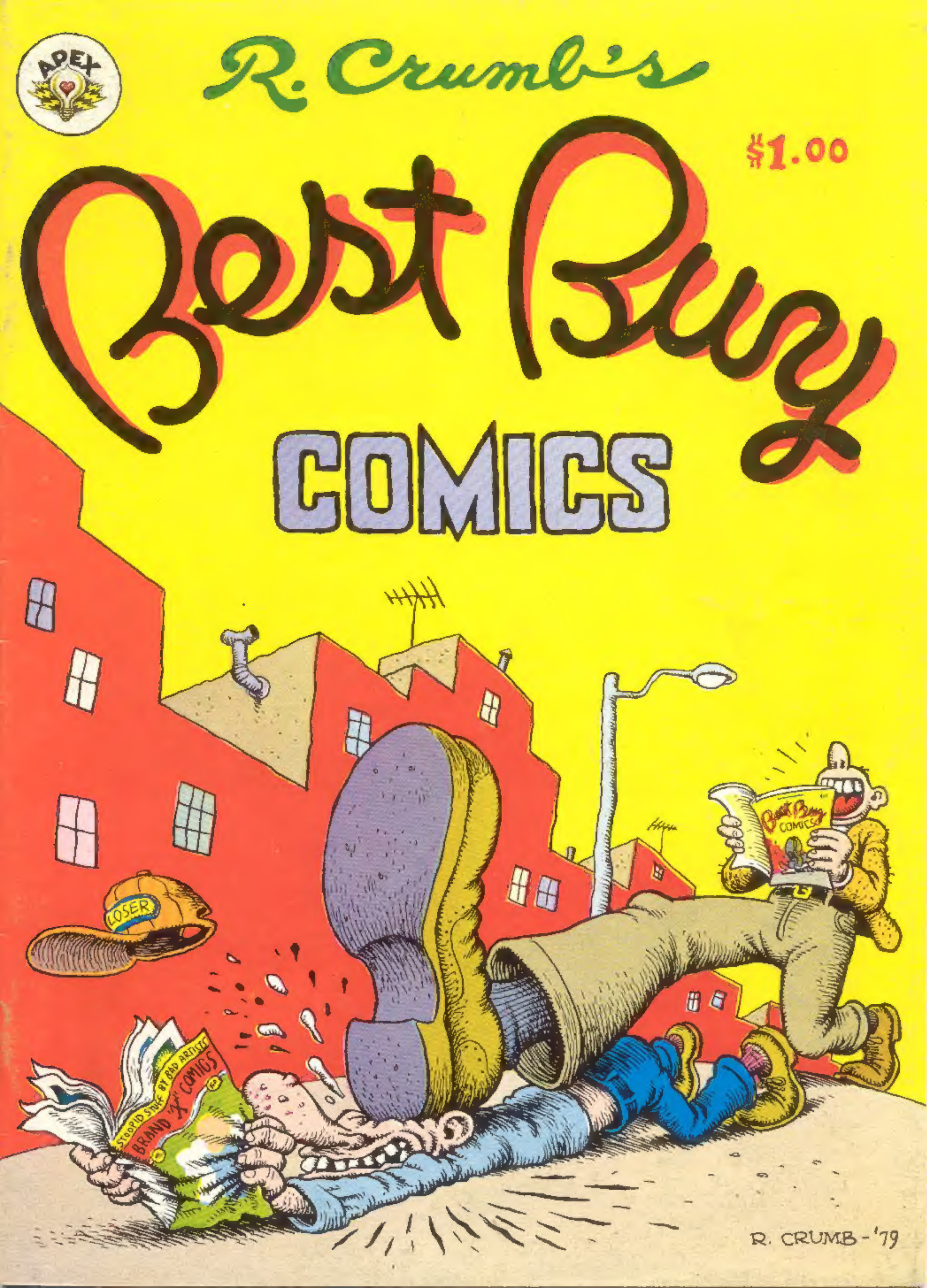
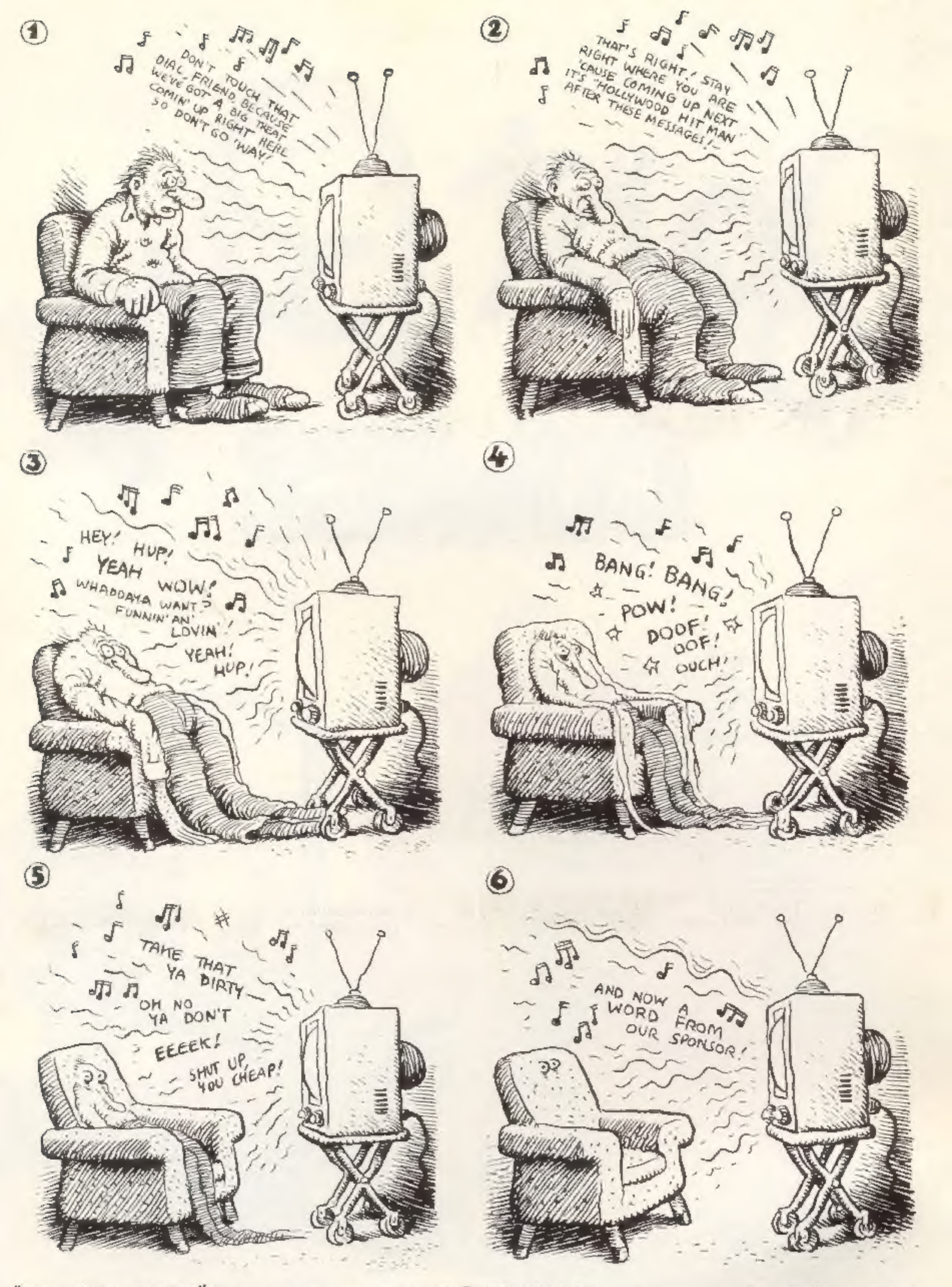


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R. CRUMB'S MODERN DANCE WORKSHOP




YEAH YEAH, I'M HIP... OKAY, GANG, LET'S GET TO WORK... AS YOU ALL KNOW TODAY WE'RE DOING A PER-FORMANCE FOR THE "CO-EVOLUTION QUARTERLY" ON THE THEME OF "VOLUNTARY SIMPLICITY"...
I TRUST YOU'VE ALL DONE YOUR HOME WORK AND STUDIED THE REPORT ON "VOLUNTARY SIMPLICITY" THAT I HANDED OUT... IS THERE ANY ONE WHO HAD DIFFICULTY IN "GETTING THE FEEL" FOR THE CONCEPT ??
TSK! IT'S NOT THAT DIFFICULT!!
OF COURSE NOT!!
HM!
GOOD, GOOD... OKAY, WELL, LET'S SEE SOME IMPROVIZATIONS ON THE BASIC THEME... HOW ABOUT YOU, SHOSHANA? COME ON, WORK OUT! GET CREATIVE! LET'S EXPRESS OURSELVES, SHALL WE? GET LOOSE!!
WOOPS!!
ENOUGH SAID, POPS!
HA HA
UHH.. URBAN LIFE... THE MODERN WORLD... MASS MEDIA... FREEWAYS... MOTORS... MACHINES... STRIDENT... UNNATURAL... UNMERCIFUL...
IT'S TOO MUCH... THE NERVOUS SYSTEM CANT HANDLE IT... YOU'RE BEING PULLED APART BY SOCIAL FORCES AND TECHNO-COMMERCIAL OVER-KILL!!
THIS RAT-RACE IS GRINDING YOU DOWN! YOU CANT COMPETE IN THIS DOG-EAT DOG WORLD!!


BEAUTIFUL!! NOW ALL IS DESPAIR... YOU'RE SUFFOCATING IN THE BRUTALITY OF THE GIANT CROWDED MEGALOPOLIS!!
NOW THE STRUGGLE TURNS INWARD, EXISTENTIAL... SEARCHING... QUESTIONING... YOU RETREAT FROM THE WORLD... WITH-DRAW... STOP PARTICI-PATING IN THE SICKNESS!
YOU DISCOVER OTHERS WHO ARE INVOLVED IN THE SAME STRUGGLE... YOU ARE NO LONGER ALONE! THIS IS A TIME OF DISCOVERY!!
THE LIGHT BEGINS TO SHINE THROUGH... THE MEANING OF YOUR PERSONAL PAIN BEGINS TO TAKE SHAPE... TOGETHER YOU CAN BREAK THROUGH THE DARKNESS!!
NOW THERE IS A COLLECTIVE ANGER! THE INJUSTICE OF THE SYSTEM BECOMES CLEARER DAY BY DAY... A FIGHTING, MILITANT SPIRIT GRIPS THE NEW COMMUNITY!!
C'MON!! GET TOUGH! GET FIGHTIN' MAD, GIRLS! LESSEE THOSE BARED FANGS!
LESSEE THAT RAGE!
NO, WAIT A MINUTE!
WAIT! WAIT!
YAARNGH!
GRR!


4.
I THINK WE'RE GETTING AWAY FROM THE TRUE MEANING OF VOLUNTARY SIMPLICITY!!
NO NO! WE HAVE TO GET INTO OUR RAGE!
YEAH, IT'S JUST AS SIGNIFICANT AS—
YES, BUT-
NO, SEE, IT'S VERY THERAPEUTIC... WE HAVE TO BE HONEST! SPONTANEOUS!
BUT TO ME, VOLUNTARY SIMPLICITY IS A STATE OF BEING IN WHICH A PERSON IS A SELF-CONTAINED— UH— IT HAS A ZEN QUALITY OF —
BUT IT'S PART OF OUR GROUP IDENTITY... THERE'S AN ANGER TOWARDS THE SYSTEM, LET'S FACE IT... A RESENTMENT AGAINST THE PATERNALISTIC STRUCTURE!!
GIRLS! PLEASE!!
LET'S CUT THE GAB, HUH?? WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF A PERFORMANCE! YOU PEOPLE WERE S'POSE TO HAVE ALL THIS WORKED OUT BEFORE HAND! SO 'C'MON! LET'S KEEP TH' DANCE MOVING!!
BUT THERE'S SOME VERY BASIC QUESTIONS WE HAVE TO —
LET'S GET BACK INTO IT!
WHUP!!
HEY!
HUP!
HO!
YOW!
HALP!
NO-O-O
HEY!
OW!
STOP!
BUZZZZZ
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA
YERKEZ MAZURKEZ
HA
—END

R. CRUMB ON ASSIGNMENT FOR THE COEVOLUTION QUARTERLY GOES TO THE...

SPACE DAY SYMPOSIUM

(OR WHAT EVER THE HELL IT WAS CALLED...)

BEFORE

HEY, SOUNDS LIKE FUN, STEWART!

I'D LOVE TO GO!!

DURING

HO HUM

"... EXPLORING THIS LIMITLESS FRONTIER MEANS BENEFITS FOR PEOPLE IN MANY WAYS, INCLUDING THE CREATION OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES, ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW BUSINESSES, BENEFITS FROM APPLICATIONS OF SPACE TECHNOLOGY, AND VISIONS OF A PLANETARY REALISM ETC. ETC..."

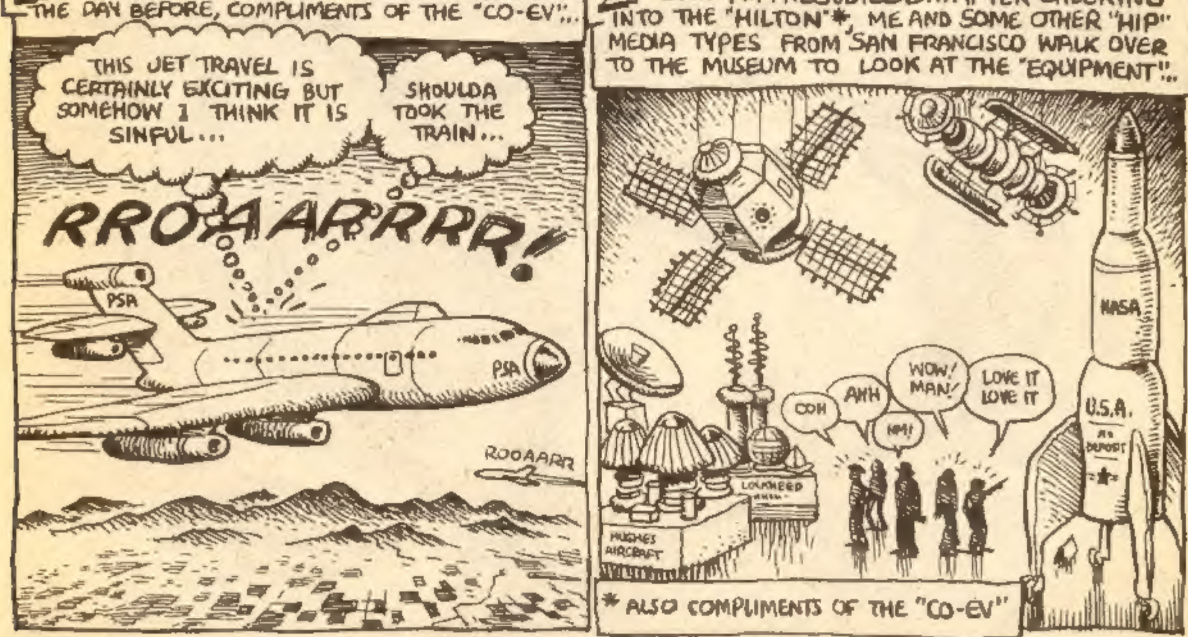
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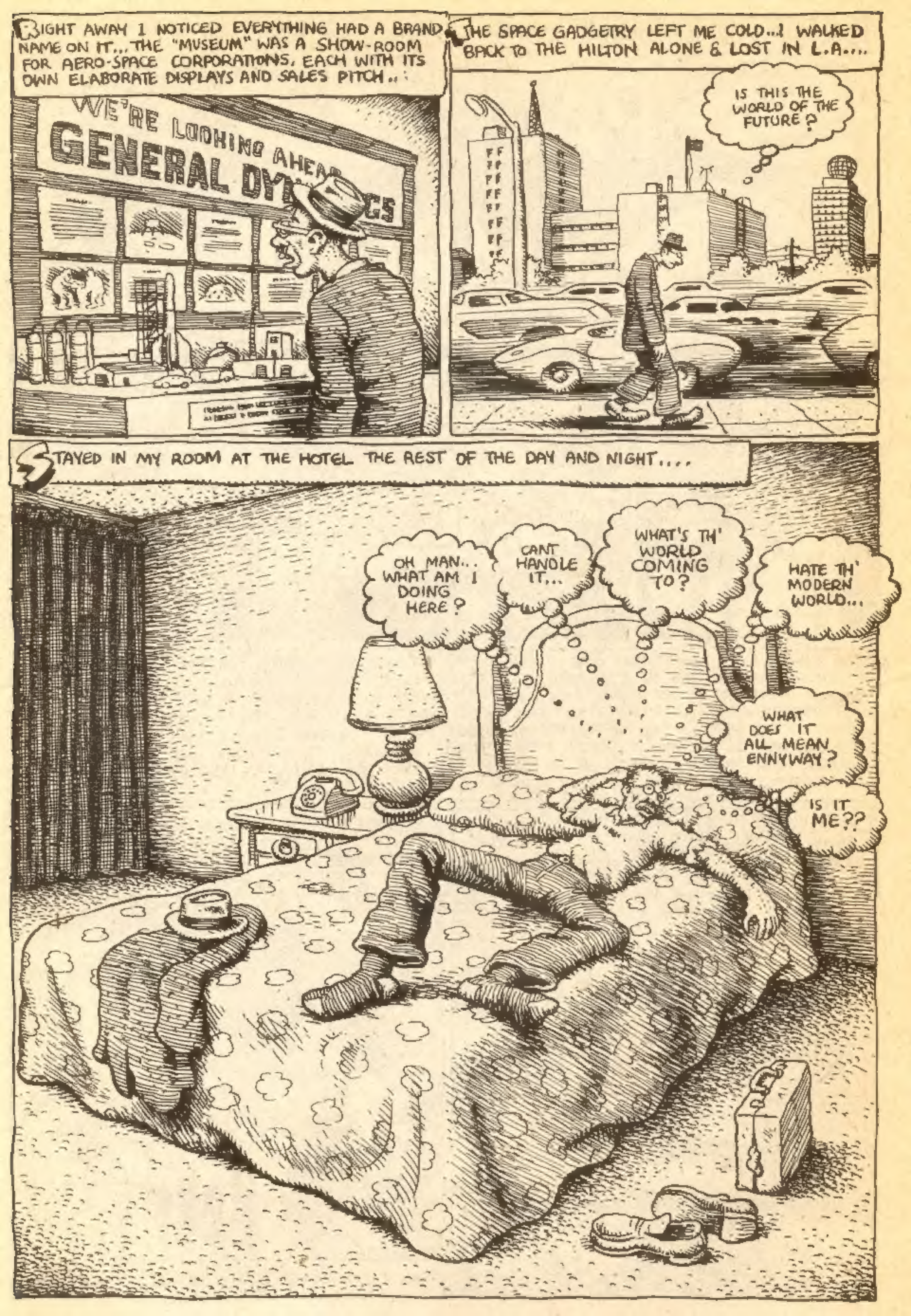
AFTER

WHAT A SMUG BUNCH OF HYPOCRITS!!

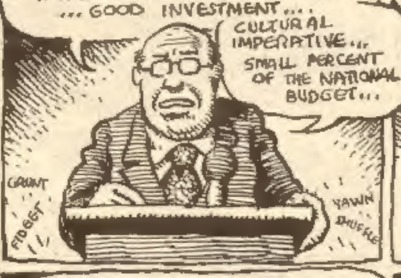
NOW WHEN I THINK ABOUT IT, I JUST GET MAD!

THE SPACE DAY SYMPOSIUM WAS HELD ON AUGUST 11TH, 1977 AT THE CALIFORNIA MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY IN LOS ANGELES. IT WAS NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. FILMS WERE SHOWN, SPEECHES WERE MADE AND LECTURES GIVEN BY POLITICIANS, SCIENTISTS, ASTRONAUTS, PROMOTERS AND BIG SHOTS FROM THE AERO-SPACE INDUSTRY. THE CLIMAX OF THE EVENT TOOK PLACE THE NEXT MORNING OUT IN THE MOJAVE DESERT, WHERE THE NEW "SPACE SHUTTLE" MADE ITS FIRST FREE FLIGHT LANDING. THIS EVENT WAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND WAS ATTENDED BY A LARGE CROWD MADE UP MOSTLY OF WORKERS IN THE AERO-SPACE INDUSTRY....

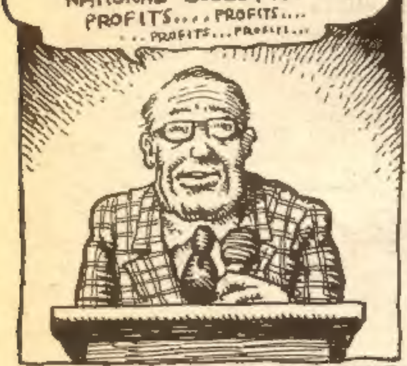



RIGHT AWAY I NOTICED EVERYTHING HAD A BRAND NAME ON IT... THE "MUSEUM" WAS A SHOW-ROOM FOR AERO-SPACE CORPORATIONS, EACH WITH ITS OWN ELABORATE DISPLAYS AND SALES PITCH..
WE'RE LOOKING AHEAD
GENERAL DY
GS
THE SPACE GADGETRY LEFT ME COLD...I WALKED BACK TO THE HILTON ALONE & LOST IN L.A....
IS THIS THE WORLD OF THE FUTURE?
STAYED IN MY ROOM AT THE HOTEL THE REST OF THE DAY AND NIGHT....
OH MAN.. WHAT AM I DOING HERE?
CANT HANDLE IT...
WHAT'S TH' WORLD COMING TO?
HATE TH' MODERN WORLD...
WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN ENNYWAY?
IS IT ME??


NEXT MORNING AT THE SYMPOSIUM THE SPEECHES STARTED BRIGHT AND EARLY... FIRST CAME THE GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA TO START THINGS OFF..
...BUT WITHIN THIS "ERA OF LIMITS" WHICH I HAVE SO OFTEN EMPHASIZED, THERE IS AN INFINITE "ERA OF POSSIBILITIES" IN THE EVERLASTING FRONTIER OF THE UNIVERSE ITSELF... NOT TO MENTION THE PRACTICAL ECONOMIC BENEFITS...


THEN CAME SOME BIG WHEEL FROM NASA (NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION)
...THIS GREAT HUMAN ADVENTURE INTO SPACE IS A SUBJECT OF TREMENDOUS APPLICABILITY.......COINCIDES WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPORTANCES AND THE "WHOLE EARTH" PROBLEM.......WHAT WORRIES ME IS ALL THIS TALK I HEAR ABOUT THE "QUEST FOR IMMEDIATE RELEVANCE"....
...GOOD INVESTMENT....
CULTURAL IMPERATIVE... SMALL PERCENT OF THE NATIONAL BUDGET...
GRUNT
FIDGET
YAWN
SHUFFLE


NEXT CAME A PROMINENT SPACE SCIENTIST AND AUTHOR......
....BUILT INTO THE HUMAN SPIRIT IS THIS ZZEST FOR FINDING OUT... IT IS THIS ZZEST WHICH HAS BROUGHT US TO OUR TOTAL DOMINANCE OVER THE PLANET....... ....LIMITLESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR VIGOROUS INTELLECTUAL DISSATISFIED PEOPLE.....SAFETY VALVE FOR GLOBAL PROBLEMS... ...SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE.... ...ATTAINING OF PERSPECTIVE...


THEN CAME THE CORPORATION DIRECTORS AND PRESIDENTS, AND THE DAY REALLY GOT TEDIOUS...
THE SPACE SHUTTLE WILL USHER IN A NEW ERA IN SPACE FLIGHT... BRAND NEW CAPABILITIES... ECONOMIC BENEFITS... PROFITS... LESS THAN ONE PERCENT OF THE NATIONAL BUDGET... PROFITS.... PROFITS.... ...PROFITS...PROFITS...


TECHNOLOGY IS NEUTRAL... IT'S HOW IT IS USED BY HUMANS THAT'S GOOD OR BAD... ....THE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY IS NOT CONSERVATION BUT NEW TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES...


...THE DANGERS OF THE MISUSE OF ROCKETS AND SATELLITES IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT, NOT THE AERO-SPACE INDUSTRY... ...OUR JOB IS TO DELIVER THE GOODS FOR WHOEVER BUYS OUR PRODUCTS... OUR RESPONSIBILITY IS TO OUR STOCKHOLDERS....
YAY!
YA-A-Y!
YEAH!
HUZZAH!
HOORAH


WE WANT TO BE THE LEADERS IN THE NEW ERA OF DECENTRALIZATION... OUR COMSATS* WILL PROVIDE INSTANT COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBORHOODS... ....HELP THE PEOPLE IN THE GHETTOS... IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR EVERYONE... PROVIDE JOBS...
* COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITES...


ONE OF THE ASTRONAUTS TALKED ABOUT HIS EXPERIENCE "OUT THERE"....
....LOOKING BACK AT THE EARTH FROM SPACE, I HAD ALOT OF REALIZATIONS... IT GAVE ME A NEW CONSCIOUSNESS OF THE INSIGNIFICANCE OF OUR NATIONAL DIFFERENCES...EARTH IS INDEED A "SPACE-SHIP" WITH LIMITED RESOURCES...


"RUSTY" WAS A HELL OF A SINCERE GUY, A REALLY NICE GUY, BUT I'D HAD IT... THE HOURS OF TALK HAD LULLED ME INTO A STUPOR...
AGHH... ...SHIT...
BLAH BLAH BLAH

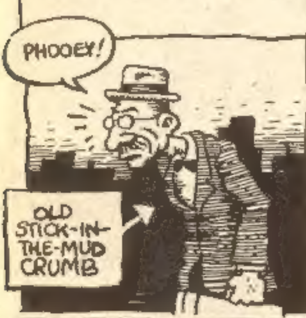
FINALLY IT WAS OVER... I STAGGERED OUT THE DOOR, MY MIND REELING FROM THE EIGHT HOURS OF LIES, DOUBLE-TALK, PURSUASION AND DOWNRIGHT MADNESS I HAD JUST SAT THROUGH...



I SLUMPED DOWN ON THE STEPS OF THE MUSEUM, DEPRESSED BEYOND WORDS... WHAT WAS THE PURPOSE OF ALL THIS TALK ABOUT OUR "DESTINY"... THE "THRUST INTO SPACE"?



...DECIDED NOT TO STICK AROUND FOR THE BIG SPACE SHUTTLE LANDING...I WAS FED UP WITH THE WHOLE SHMEER... ...FLEW BACK TO SAN FRANCISCO THAT VERY NIGHT, UTTERLY DIZGUSTED BY THE FARCE I HAD WITNESSED....



BUT WHAT'S WRONG WITH SPACE EXPLORATION, YOU MAY ASK? ISN'T IT TRUE THAT IT'S AN EXCITING NEW FRONTIER, AND THAT IT WILL RAISE THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF HUMANITY??



AS FOR FRONTIERS, WE'VE STILL GOT PLENTY OF FRONTIERS LEFT RIGHT HERE IN THE U.S.A.!! HOW 'BOUT NEW YORK? CHICAGO? CLEVELAND? L.A., FOR CHRISSAKE! THESE ARE VAST AREAS IN NEED OF "VIGOROUS INTELLECTUAL" EXPLORATION!!



..BUT IT'S JUST MORE OF THE SAME OLD HYPE...TO KEEP THE "ECONOMY" GOING... NOT UNLIKE THE "ATOMS FOR PEACE" SHUCK AND EQUALLY AS DANGEROUS! YES, THE SPACE HYPE IS...

DANGEROUS!

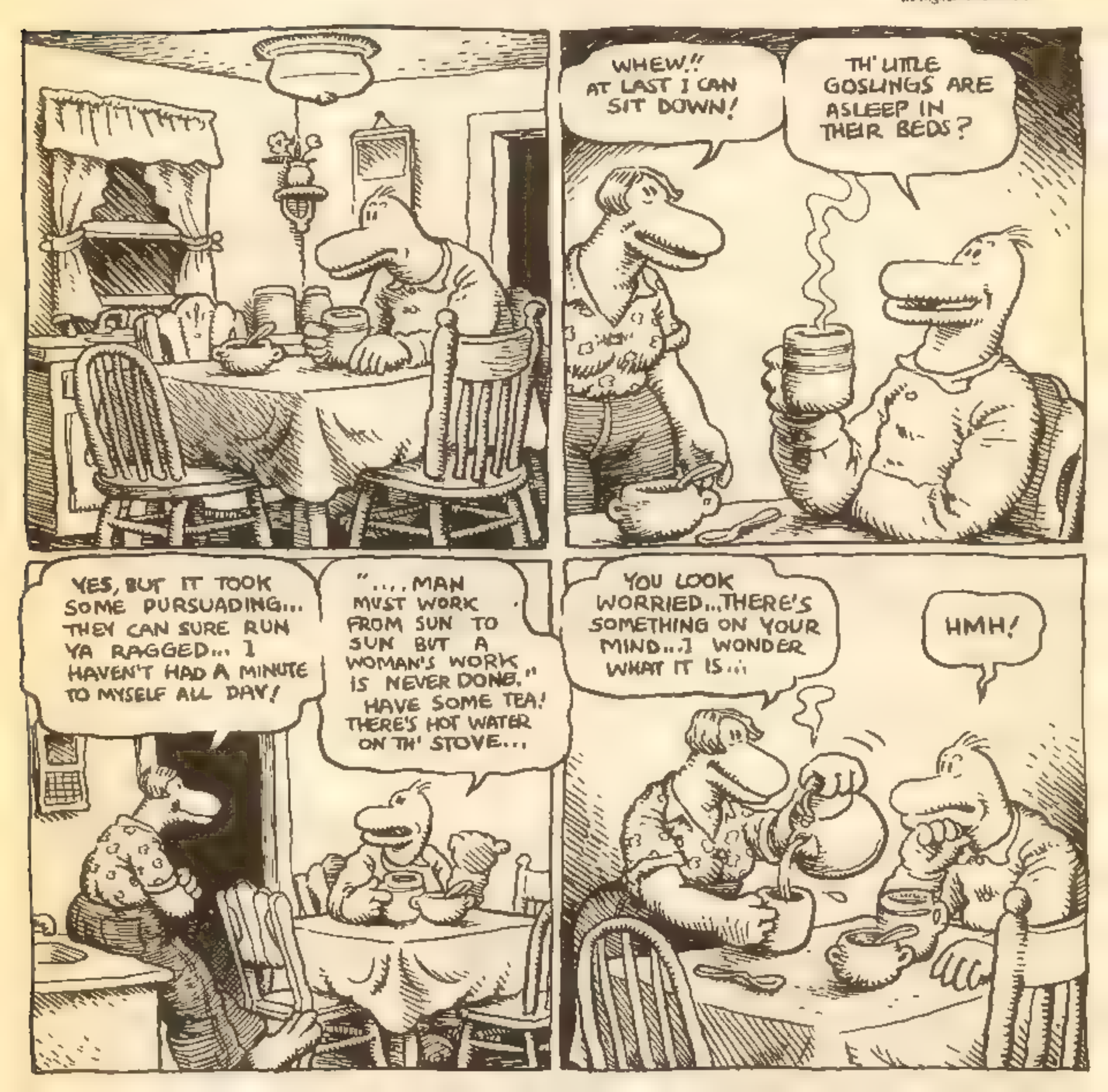
....LET'S FACE IT, THE MILITARY **WILL** USE SPACE TECHNOLOGY TO CREATE A WHOLE NEW ARRAY OF WAR TOYS IN SPACE AT LEAST AS HORRIFYING AS ANYTHING THEY'VE ALREADY GOT, IF NOT MORE SO... BUT WHY AM I RAVING AGAINST IT? WHY BOTHER? THE ONLY THING THAT WILL STOP THEM IS A DRASTIC BREAKDOWN IN OUR INDUSTRIAL SYSTEM...NO MORAL OR INTELLECTUAL ARGUEMENT HAS EVER STOPPED THEM IN THE PAST..........

THE SADDEST PART THOUGH... THE SADDEST PART....IS THAT ALOT OF OTHERWISE INTELLIGENT PEOPLE ARE FALLING FOR THE SPACE HYPE...HOOK, LINE AND SINKER!!



The Goose and the Gander Were Talking One Night

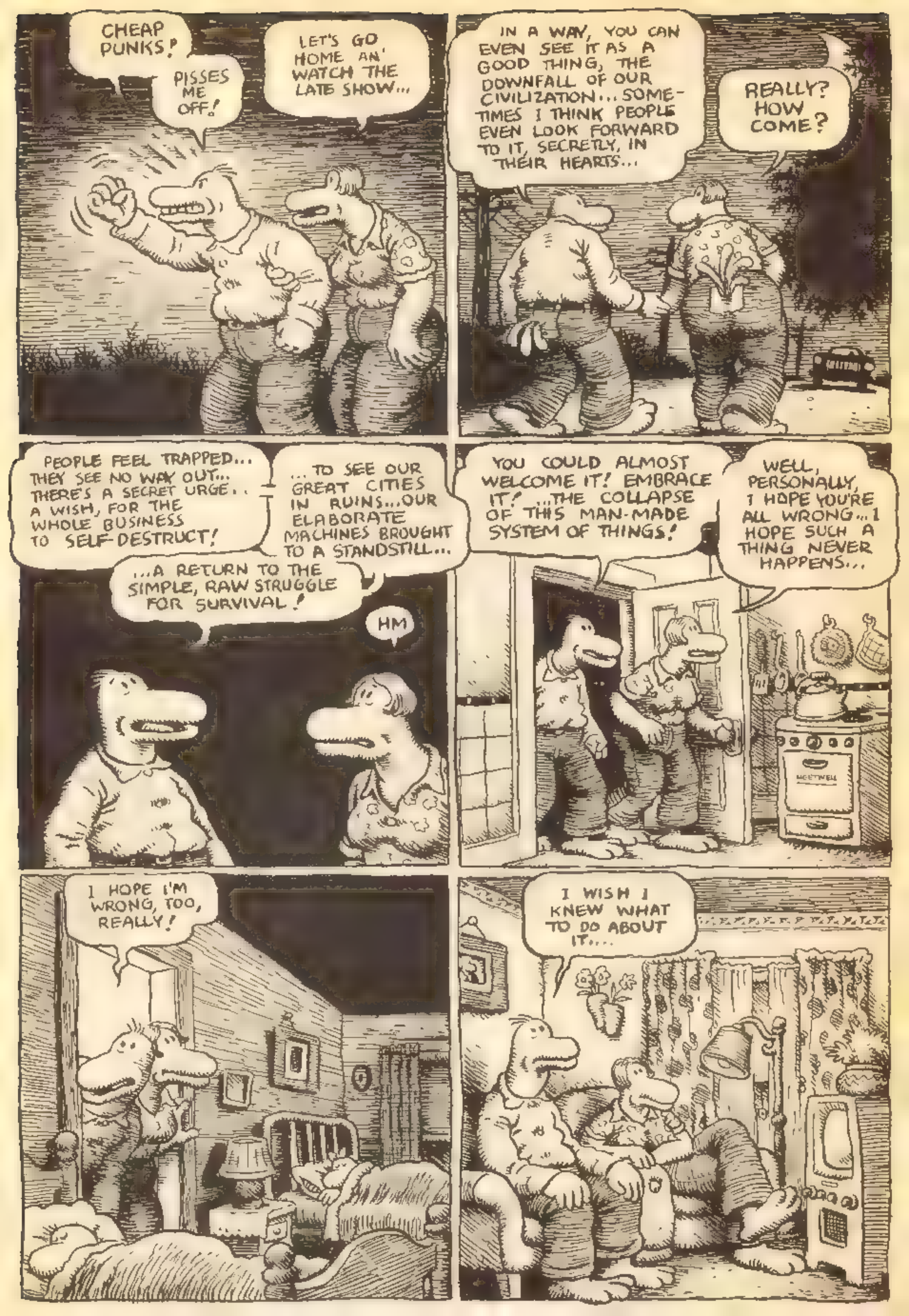
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YOU'RE RIGHT... I AM WORRIED...
WHAT IS IT? THE TAXES? YOUR JOB?
WELL, I'M ALWAYS WORRIED ABOUT ALL THAT CRAP... MONEY AN' ALL... BUT LATELY.....
I...I CAN'T SHAKE THIS TERRIBLE FEELING THAT WE'RE DOOMED....
YOU READ TOO MANY ARTICLES, THAT'S YOUR TROUBLE!
LET'S GO FOR A WALK...
OKAY...
MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT...I SHOULD JUST STOP READING ALL THESE NEWS-PAPERS AND MAGAZINES...
BUT, YOU KNOW, SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT... IT JUST DOESNT FEEL RIGHT ... YOU CAN SMELL IT IN THE AIR!
SNIFF.. SNIFF..
IT DOES SMELL FUNNY AT THAT! POLLUTION, I GUESS!
...BUT WHY DO YOU THINK WE'RE DOOMED?
... AND YOU KNOW SOMETHING ELSE? I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE!! YOU'D BE SURPRISED HOW MANY PEOPLE YOU MEET WHO WILL JUST CASUALLY, OFF-THE-CUFF STATE HOW THEY THINK IT'S ALL GOING TO END SOON BECAUSE OF ONE THING OR ANOTHER! IT'S A COMMONLY HELD BELIEF!!


....BUT WHY DO YOU THINK WE'RE DOOMED?
...AND I DON'T THINK I'M A CRAZY PERSON.. I'M A PRETTY AVERAGE GUY... JUST YOUR NORMAL, EVERY-DAY GOOSE...I GIVE A JOKE AND TAKE A JOKE... NOTHING SPECIAL...
....BUT WHY——
WHY DO I THINK WE'RE DOOMED? OH, I DUNNO... IT'S EVERYTHING, I GUESS... JUST THE WAY THE HUMAN RACE KEEPS GOING HEAD-ON WITH POPULATION AND TECHNOLOGY AN' ALL THAT...
IT SEEMS TO BE BUILDING UP TO SOME GIANT CATASTROPHE... YOU TAKE THESE GUYS THAT ARE GOING AHEAD WITH ALL THESE NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS— AND THAT'S JUST ONE THING! THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF THINGS LIKE THAT GOIN' ON!
JEEZIZ...
....IT MAKES ME FEEL SO HELPLESS!! I CAN'T SEE ANY WAY TO STOP THE PROCESS! WHAT CAN I DO? I'M JUST A GOOSE!
IT'S THAT FEELING OF HELPLESSNESS IN THE FACE OF IT THAT'S SO HORRIBLE!
IF I COULD THINK OF SOME WAY TO——
LOOK OUT!
BADASS
ZOOM
BLADDA BLAP!


CHEAP PUNKS!
PISSES ME OFF!
LET'S GO HOME AN' WATCH THE LATE SHOW...
IN A WAY, YOU CAN EVEN SEE IT AS A GOOD THING, THE DOWNFALL OF OUR CIVILIZATION... SOMETIMES I THINK PEOPLE EVEN LOOK FORWARD TO IT, SECRETLY, IN THEIR HEARTS...
REALLY? HOW COME?
PEOPLE FEEL TRAPPED... THEY SEE NO WAY OUT... THERE'S A SECRET URGE.. A WISH, FOR THE WHOLE BUSINESS TO SELF-DESTRUCT!
...TO SEE OUR GREAT CITIES IN RUINS...OUR ELABORATE MACHINES BROUGHT TO A STANDSTILL...
...A RETURN TO THE SIMPLE, RAW STRUGGLE FOR SURVIVAL!
HM
YOU COULD ALMOST WELCOME IT! EMBRACE IT! ...THE COLLAPSE OF THIS MAN-MADE SYSTEM OF THINGS!
WELL, PERSONALLY, I HOPE YOU'RE ALL WRONG...I HOPE SUCH A THING NEVER HAPPENS...
I HOPE I'M WRONG, TOO, REALLY!
I WISH I KNEW WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT...

...AND NOW, FOLKS, INTRODUCING, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN ANY MAGAZINE, A WHOLE NEW SET OF CHARACTERS FROM THE CREATOR OF SO MANY OF YOUR FAVORITE CARTOON CHARACTERS, THOSE LOVABLE... THOSE CUTE 'N' CUDDLY... THOSE SIMPLY ADORABLE LI'L GUYS....

THE NERDS*

®

NO FUSS! NO MUSS!

THEY'RE BOUND TO BE A HIT!

T.M.

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HEY, YA OL' STU-BUM, WHAT'RE YA UP TO, ANY-WAY??

I AIN'T NO STU-BUM! WOTCH WHUT Y' SAY, FRIEND... I BEEN CONTEMPLATIN' EXIS-TENSE 'N' IT AIN'T T' BE TAKEN LITELY!

YA GET ME??

WHERE'S MY FISH?

IYIYL

DON'T GET UPSET!! WHEN I CALL YOU A STU-BUM, IT'S ONLY IN FUN...I USE IT AS A TERM OF ENDEARMENT, REALLY!!

POOP!

I DON'T THINK "STU-BUM" IS A KIND THING TO CALL SOMEONE, EVEN IN JEST.. IT HAS A NEGATIVE AFFECT ON TH' SUB-CONSCIOUS...

MAY GOD STRIKE ME DOWN AND CALL ME "PISHOCKS" IF I EVER UTTER THE WORD "STU-BUM" IN YOUR PRESENSE AGAIN!

GOD NOTHIN'! I'LL DO TH' JOB MYSELF! CALL ME A STU-BUM...

OH YEH? OH YEH? HEY, C'MON... LET'S HAVE AT IT!

I WOULDN'T WASTE MY TIME... SAY, LISTEN, DO YOU THINK THE MIND CAN EVER REALLY KNOW WHAT THIS IS??

NAW! NO WAY, BABE!!

THEN WHAT IS KNOWLEDGE?

KNOWLEDGE, PAL, IS AN ILLUSION! WISDOM, ON TH' OTHER HAND—

HOTEL

WELL, IT ONLY COMES WHEN YOU'RE READY FOR IT...

I KNOW WHUTCHA MEAN...WISDOM IS ONE OF TH' FEW THINGS LEFT THAT CAN'T BE BOUGHT 'N' SOLD!

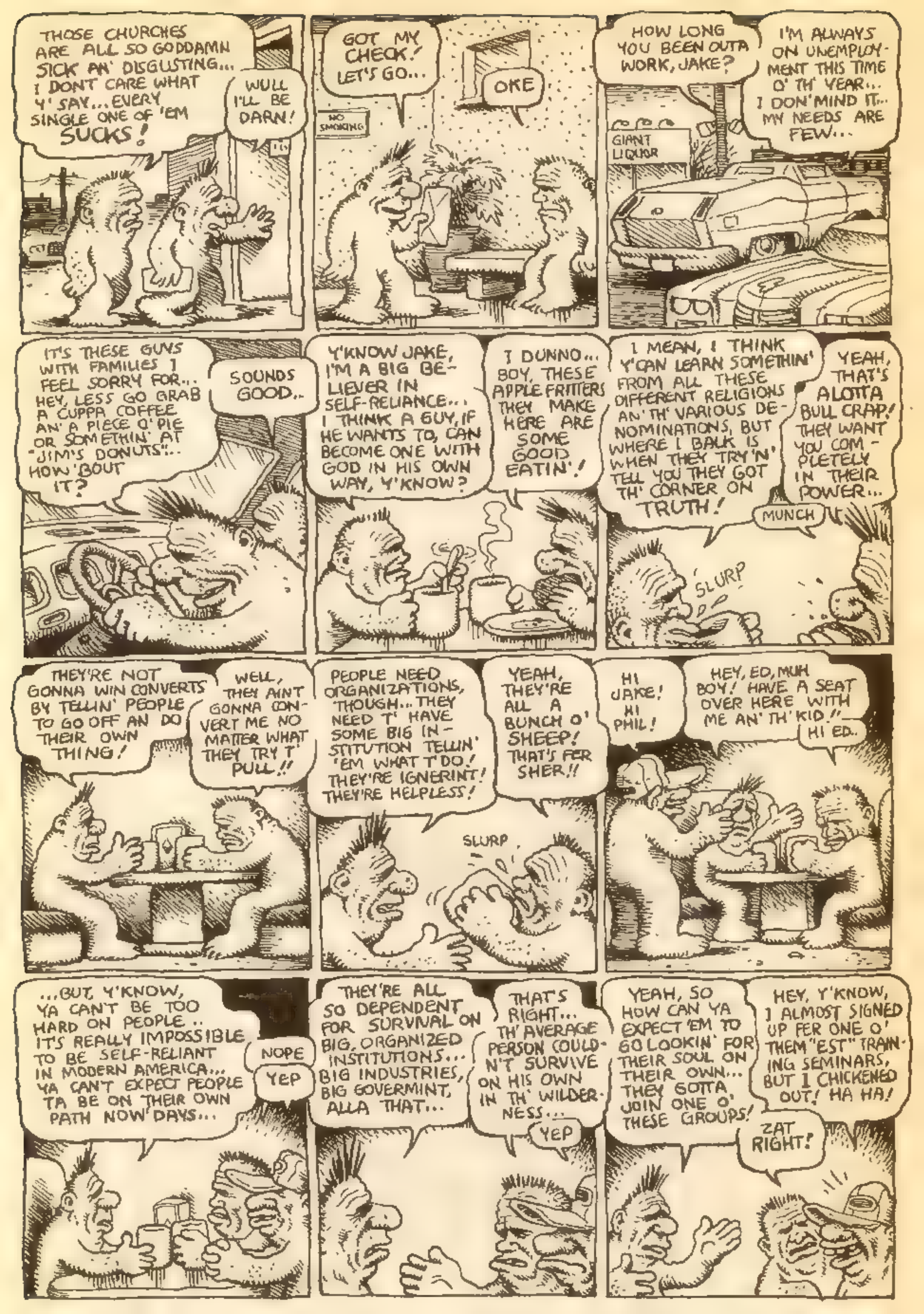
....OTHERWISE IT'S PEARLS BEFORE SWINE, KNOW'D I MEAN?

* NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH THE "NEBBISHES"


BUT IF KNOWLEDGE IS A FALSE ILLUSION, WHAT GOOD IS ALL THIS GRAY MATTER INSIDE OUR HEADS??
GOOD FOR GETTIN' US ALL IN A PECK O' TROUBLE, SEEMS TO ME!!
YUP, SURE DOES SEEM LIKE THAT, DOESN'T IT?
YUP, IT SURE DOES...
I GUESS IT COMES IN HANDY FOR PRACTICAL PURPOSES OF SURVIVAL ONCE IN A WHILE...
YEAH, MAYBE... I'D VENTURE TO SAY KNOWLEDGE CAN BE USEFUL IF YA CAN TAKE IT WITH A GRAIN O' SALT!
YEH, THAT'S RIGHT... YOU GOTTA BE PRACTICAL ABOUT IT!
YOU CAN'T LET TH MIND GET TOO COCKY... IT LIKES T' THINK IT KNOWS EVERYTHING!
NO LOITERING
WHERE-AS IN REALITY IT KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT THE TRUE NATURE OF THINGS!
PRECISELY... JUST ASK ANY O' THESE HARRY KRISHNAS YOU SEE DOWN HERE! THEY'LL TELL YA ALL ABOUT IT!!
THEY ALL SEEM LOONEY T' ME, BUT I CAN'T TELL...
ALL I KNOW IS, EXPERIENCING TH' SPIRIT TAKES ALOTTA SELF-DISCIPLINE!
YOU HAVE TO KEEP YER LIFE VERY SIMPLE AND—
BUT WAIT A MINUTE... LOOKA HERE
IF THE MIND CAN'T KNOW IT, THEN HOW DO YOU EVEN KNOW TH' SPIRIT EXISTS??
HM.. GOOD QUESTION..
I THINK WE JUST SOMEHOW KNOW THAT IT EXISTS... WE CAN SENSE THAT THERE'S SOMETHIN' BEHIND THIS MATERIAL WORLD THAT IS NOT OF THE MATERIAL WORLD...
MEBBE SO...
THERE SEEMS TO BE AN URGE TOWARD IT IN ALL OF US... ONLY MOST PEOPLE ARE SO CAUGHT UP IN THE WORLD THEY ARE BLIND TO IT MOST OF THE TIME...
THAT'S ME..
ME TOO... I ONLY GET RARE GLIMPSES OF IT... A FLASH NOW'N THEN..
YEAH... IT'S A VERY PERSONAL THING... GODDAMMIT!
...AND TO REALLY MERGE WITH IT, YOU GOTTA SHOVE SO MUCH OF THIS OTHER CRAP OUTTA YOUR LIFE... YOU HAVE TO WANT IT BAD!
OH MAN... THAT'S HEAVY!



YES SIR, YOU GOTTA BE ALL THROUGH WITH MONEY, WOMEN, BOOZE, DOPE, PARTYING, FANCY CARS, EXPENSIVE JOOLERY... ALLA THAT, IF YOU WANNA BECOME ONE WITH TH' SPIRIT...
OH MAN!
FERGIT IT! I AIN'T READY!
THAT MAKES TWO OF US!
LISTEN, I GOTTA GO PICK UP MY UNEMPLOYMENT CHECK.. Y' WANNA COME ALONG? I GOT MY CAR RIGHT OVER HERE...
YEH SURE... I'M FREE FOR TH' AFTERNOON.
TH PROBLEM IS, WE'RE BORN INTA TH' WORLD OF MATTER AN' ALL WE KNOW IS MATTER...
QUITE SO.. IT'S ALL JUST A BUNCH O' CHEMICALS!! ELEMENTS.. ATOMS...
WEEZE
BLAMP
BRRUM
IT'S TOUGH... WE GET CAUGHT UP IN TH' RAT RACE.... TH' DUALITIES.... ALWAYS LOOKIN' TO SATISFY THE CRAVINGS OF TH' FLESH!
AY-MEN, BROTHER! AY-MEN!
MAN, THIS'S AN AWFULLY BIG CAR! I KIN HARDLY SEE OVER TH' HOOD!
...I GOT IT CHEAP... GOT ALOTTA MILES ON IT...
VRUMM
BEEP
MUST BE A REAL GAS-HOG THOUGH, EH?
...AND THEN THERE'S THE LITTLE PROBLEM OF JUST TRYIN' TO SURVIVE... JUST KEEPIN' YER HEAD ABOVE WATER!
DON'T I KNOW IT! I'LL BET THIS HEAP BURNS OIL TOO, DOESN'T IT?
HEY, Y' WANNA GET OUT 'N' WALK? THAT'S ENOUGH ABOUT TH' CAR, OKAY?
...AN' HOW ABOUT THE SET-UP? EVERYBODY TAKIN' ADVANTAGE OF EVERYBODY ELSE!
IT'S DOG-EAT-DOG... YOU GOTTA GET YOURS... NOT A VERY SPIRITUAL SITUATION!
YEAH, IT'S A STINKIN' SYSTEM ALRIGHT...
ME, I FEEL FULFILLED IF I GET TH' CHANCE T' SIT IN FRONT O' TH' T.V. WITH A BEER 'N' WATCH A BALL GAME. KNOW'D I MEAN?
YEH, THAT THING OF SEEKIN' TH' SPIRIT GETS T' SOUNDIN' TOO MUCH LIKE RELIGION, Y'KNOW?
I HATE RELIGION... MY PEOPLE WAS CATH'LIC... I HATE TH' FUGGIN' CHURCH!
SO DO I... THEY ALL SAY TH' SAME DAMN THING... THEIR WAY IS TH' ONLY RIGHT WAY... THEY ALL SAY THAT! AN' I OUGHTA KNOW... I'VE LOOKED AT 'EM ALL!
ZAT RIGHT?



THOSE CHURCHES ARE ALL SO GODDAMN SICK AN' DISGUSTING... I DONT CARE WHAT Y' SAY... EVERY SINGLE ONE OF 'EM SUCKS!
WULL I'LL BE DARN!
GOT MY CHECK! LET'S GO...
NO SMOKING
OKE
HOW LONG YOU BEEN OUTA WORK, JAKE?
I'M ALWAYS ON UNEMPLOYMENT THIS TIME O' TH' YEAR... I DON' MIND IT... MY NEEDS ARE FEW...
GIANT LIQUOR
IT'S THESE GUYS WITH FAMILIES I FEEL SORRY FOR... HEY, LESS GO GRAB A CUPPA COFFEE AN' A PIECE O' PIE OR SOMETHIN' AT "JIM'S DONUTS"... HOW 'BOUT IT?
SOUNDS GOOD..
Y'KNOW JAKE, I'M A BIG BELIEVER IN SELF-RELIANCE... I THINK A GUY, IF HE WANTS TO, CAN BECOME ONE WITH GOD IN HIS OWN WAY, Y'KNOW?
I DUNNO... BOY, THESE APPLE FRITTERS THEY MAKE HERE ARE SOME GOOD EATIN'!
I MEAN, I THINK Y'CAN LEARN SOMETHIN' FROM ALL THESE DIFFERENT RELIGIONS AN' TH' VARIOUS DENOMINATIONS, BUT WHERE I BALK IS WHEN THEY TRY 'N' TELL YOU THEY GOT TH' CORNER ON TRUTH!
YEAH, THAT'S ALOTTA BULL CRAP! THEY WANT YOU COMPLETELY IN THEIR POWER...
MUNCH
SLURP
THEY'RE NOT GONNA WIN CONVERTS BY TELLIN' PEOPLE TO GO OFF AN DO THEIR OWN THING!
WELL, THEY AINT GONNA CONVERT ME NO MATTER WHAT THEY TRY T' PULL!!
PEOPLE NEED ORGANIZATIONS, THOUGH... THEY NEED T' HAVE SOME BIG INSTITUTION TELLIN' 'EM WHAT T' DO! THEY'RE IGNERINT! THEY'RE HELPLESS!
YEAH, THEY'RE ALL A BUNCH O' SHEEP! THAT'S FER SHER!!
SLURP
HI JAKE! HI PHIL!
HEY, ED, MUH BOY! HAVE A SEAT OVER HERE WITH ME AN' TH' KID!!
HI ED..
...BUT, Y'KNOW, YA CAN'T BE TOO HARD ON PEOPLE.. IT'S REALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO BE SELF-RELIANT IN MODERN AMERICA... YA CAN'T EXPECT PEOPLE TA BE ON THEIR OWN PATH NOW'DAYS...
NOPE
YEP
THEY'RE ALL SO DEPENDENT FOR SURVIVAL ON BIG, ORGANIZED INSTITUTIONS... BIG INDUSTRIES, BIG GOVERMINT, ALLA THAT...
THAT'S RIGHT... TH' AVERAGE PERSON COULDN'T SURVIVE ON HIS OWN IN TH' WILDERNESS...
YEP
YEAH, SO HOW CAN YA EXPECT 'EM TO GO LOOKIN' FOR THEIR SOUL ON THEIR OWN... THEY GOTTA JOIN ONE O' THESE GROUPS!
HEY, Y'KNOW, I ALMOST SIGNED UP FER ONE O' THEM "EST" TRAINING SEMINARS, BUT I CHICKENED OUT! HA HA!
ZAT RIGHT?


YEAH, WELL... LIFE'S COMPLI-CATED THESE DAYS, KNOW'D I MEAN?
YEAH, WE COULD ALL USE A LITTLE PROFESSIONAL HELP, GOD KNOWS...
I KNOW A COUPLE'O' PEOPLE THAT TOOK TH' "TRAINING" AND IT'S IMPROVED THEIR PERSONALITIES TREMENDOUSLY... JUST TREMEN-DOUSLY!!
WULL I'LL BE DARN!
IZZAT RIGHT!
WHATAYA S'POSED T'DO IF Y' WANNA GET AHEAD IN THIS WORL'? Y'GOTTA HAVE THAT SELF-CONFIDENCE!
YEAH, IT PROBBLY DOES HELP YA FUNCTION MORE EFFIC-IENTLY IN THIS LOUSY SYSTEM...
I WONDER IF THAT'S BETTER OR WORSE...
BETTER OR WORSE TH'N WHAT?
THAN, UH... THAN NOT BEIN' ABLE TO ADJUST TO THINGS AS THEY ARE...
IT ALL DEPENDS... IT'S A PER-SONAL THING, JAKE... EACH INDIVIDULE IS DIFF'RENT!
ON TH' ONE HAND, IF YOU ACCEPT TH' IDEA THAT TH' MIND CAN'T KNOW WHAT REALITY IS, THEN YER POINT OF VIEW OF TH' SOCIAL SYSTEM AIN'T WORTH A HOOT, SO Y' MIGHT BE BETTER OFF T' BE ADJUSTED TO IT...
YAH YAH?
BUT THEN AGAIN, IF YOU HAVE THIS DEEP MORAL FEELING THAT TH' SYSTEM IS WRONG, YOU PROBBLY WOULD RATHER NOT WANT TO FIT IN, EVEN IF IT MEANS BEIN' POOR AN' GETTIN' FUCKED AROUND...
YEAH, I DUNNO...
LIFE'S SO DOGGONE COMPLEX!
AIN'T IT THOUGH?! ALOTTA TIMES I THINK ABOUT GOIN' OFF AN' LIVIN' IN TH' WOODS... I'M A GREAT BELIEVER IN SELF-RELIANCE, Y'KNOW...
THAT THERE'S A PIPE DREAM, PHIL... YOU'LL NEVER DO IT 'N' YOU KNOW IT!
SIGH.. YOU'RE RIGHT... I'LL SPEND MY LIFE LIKE MOST PEOPLE, CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE... I'LL NEVER MAKE IT BIG, BUT I'LL NEVER HAVE TH' PISS TO GIT OUT O' THIS RAT RACE EITHER!
OH MAN... IT'S A GRIM PICTURE Y'PAINT...
REALISTIC THOUGH... I'LL GIVE'M CREDIT FER THAT..
STILL, THOUGH, YOU GOTTA KEEP CHIPPIN' AWAY AT TH' ROCK, YA KNOW'D I MEAN?
YEP.... I GOT T' BE RUN-NIN' ALONG... TAKE IT EASY, GUYS!
HEY, YOU TOO, ED.
I'LL SEE YA LATER, PHIL.. YA OL' STU-BUM!
WHAT?!
YOU—
END

KANSAS CITY FRANK MELROSE

in

"Pass the Jug"

KNOCK KNOCKITY KNOCK-KNOCK

KNOCK KNOCK!

WELL, HULLO, GEORGIE! COME ON IN.... WHAT'S COOKIN'?

HI FRANK... JUST A FRIENDLY SOCIAL CALL... HA HA...






SO HOW'S YER LITTLE FIVE-PIECE OUTFIT MAKIN' OUT, GEORGIE? YA GETTIN' GOOD JOBS?
OH, WE'RE DOIN' ALRIGHT... NOTHIN' TO WRITE HOME ABOUT... I DUNNO, THOSE GUYS — HA HA.
SAY, FRANK, YOU REMEMBER THAT CRAZY RED-HAIRED GAL SINGER GLADYS WOODS?...USETA HANG AROUND WITH MUSICIANS FROM MINNEAPOLIS... SANG WITH A BAND AT LUNA PARK?
OH SURE... WHATTA DISH!
NO GREAT TALENT BUT A NICE SHAPE ON 'ER...
YEAH YEAH, SHE'S NO RUTH ETTING BUT SHE'S BEEN GETTIN' AHEAD, SEE.... GOT A NAME ON SOME RADIO STATION... ANYWAY, LOOK, SHE WANTS TO GET A COMBINATION TOGETHER TA BACK HER UP AT TH' ARROWHEAD INN...
OH YEAH? NICE PLACE... I PLAYED THERE ONE SUMMER...
YEAH, I'M THINKIN' OF TAKIN' SOME OF TH' BOYS AN' GOIN' IN WITH HER, AND I, UH, ...WAS WONDERIN' IF YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED . .
YEAH, EXCEPT THAT TH' BROAD CAN'T SING... I DUNNO...
OH, HEY!
THERE'S A BIG COLORED ORCHESTRA THAT COMES OVER WJZY ABOUT THIS TIME EVERY EVENING... IT'S A BROADCAST FROM TH' VENDOME THEATRE.... THOSE BOYS PLAY HOTTER THAN HOT AND THEN SOME!!
OH SURE... I'VE HEARD 'EM...TOP-NOTCH ORCHESTRA, I'LL TELL TH' WORLD!
LET'S SEE IF I KIN BRING 'EM IN...
FWEEOOOOWE
I THINK I GOT 'EM!
THE LEADER'S NAME IS ERSKINE TATE.. THEY BEEN AROUND A LONG TIME!
YEAH... STOMP OFF!



YEAH YEAH YEAH
THOSE CRAZY CANNIBALS! HA HA HA!
SAY FRANK, I GOT MY CAR HERE...WHY DON'T WE RUN IT DOWN TO TH' VENDOME AN' CATCH THIS BAND IN PERSON!
NAW, I GOTTA MEET SIG MEYERS AT THE THREE DEUCES TONIGHT... YOU WANNA COME ALONG, GEORGIE?
MEBBE...WHAT'S COOKIN' DOWN THERE TONIGHT?
WELL, SIG HAS LEFT TH' AVON CLUB ORCHESTRA WITH ME AN' WE'RE LOOKIN' TO SEE IF WE CAN GET A HOT BAND GOIN' AGAIN.... SOMETHIN' LIKE TH' MIDWAY GARDENS GANG...YOU REMEMBER...WE PLAYED GOOD JAZZ IN THAT BAND!
YEAH, SOUNDS GOOD...SURE, I'LL COME.... BUT YOU'RE DREAMIN', AS USUAL! HA HA!
MAN! I WISH I PLAYED IN A BAND LIKE THAT!
NAH... YOU'RE NUTS. THOSE COONS DON'T MAKE ANY KIND OF DOUGH..
NEW YORK IS THE PLACE TO MAKE THE BIG MONEY...SOME OF THE BIG HOTEL BANDS THERE ARE HIRIN' JAZZ MUSICIANS ALL OVER TH' PLACE! HA....
YEAH, YEAH... IF ONLY THEY'D PLAY SOMETHIN' BESIDES SHMALTZ!
TH' GODDAMN MUSIC BIZNIZ!
LOOK AT BEN POLLACK! NOW, HE'S LEADIN' ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL BANDS IN NEW YORK, THERE AT THE PARK CENTRAL HOTEL... AND A FEW YEARS AGO HE WAS SCUFFLIN' IN CHICAGO RIGHT ALONG SIDE O' YOU AN' ME!!
HEY, GEORGIE... I'M COOKIN' UP A BATCH OF SPAGHETTI TO-NIGHT... YA WANNA PARTAKE?

COUNT ME OUT, FRANK... I'M TAKIN' MY GIRL OUT TO DINNER TONIGHT... IN FACT, I GOTTA GET MOVIN'... SHE'S PROBBLY ALL DOLLED UP AN' PACIN' THE FLOOR ALREADY!

HEY, WELL, MAYBE YOU'LL COME AN' SIT IN WITH US AT THE THREE DEUCES LATER, HUH, GEORGIE? WE'RE GONNA BLAST THE LID OFF THAT JOINT TONIGHT!

BUT THANKS FOR THE DRINK!

JINGLE JINGLE

JINGLE JINGLE

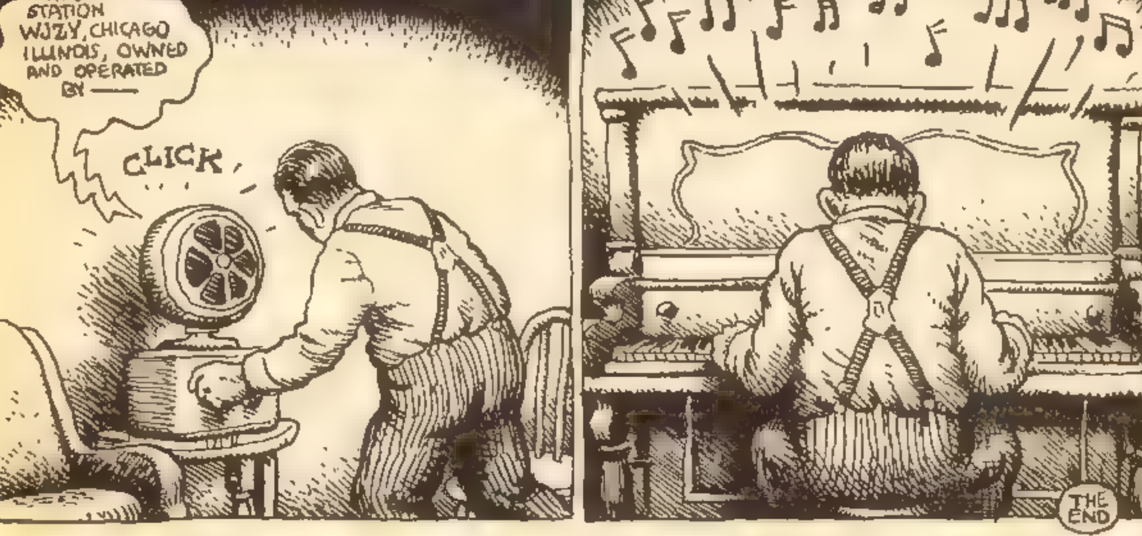
SWELL! LISTEN, I MAY BE A LITTLE LATE IF I CAN WANGLE A RETURN ON MY INVESTMENT TANIGHT! YA GET ME?? HA HA HA!

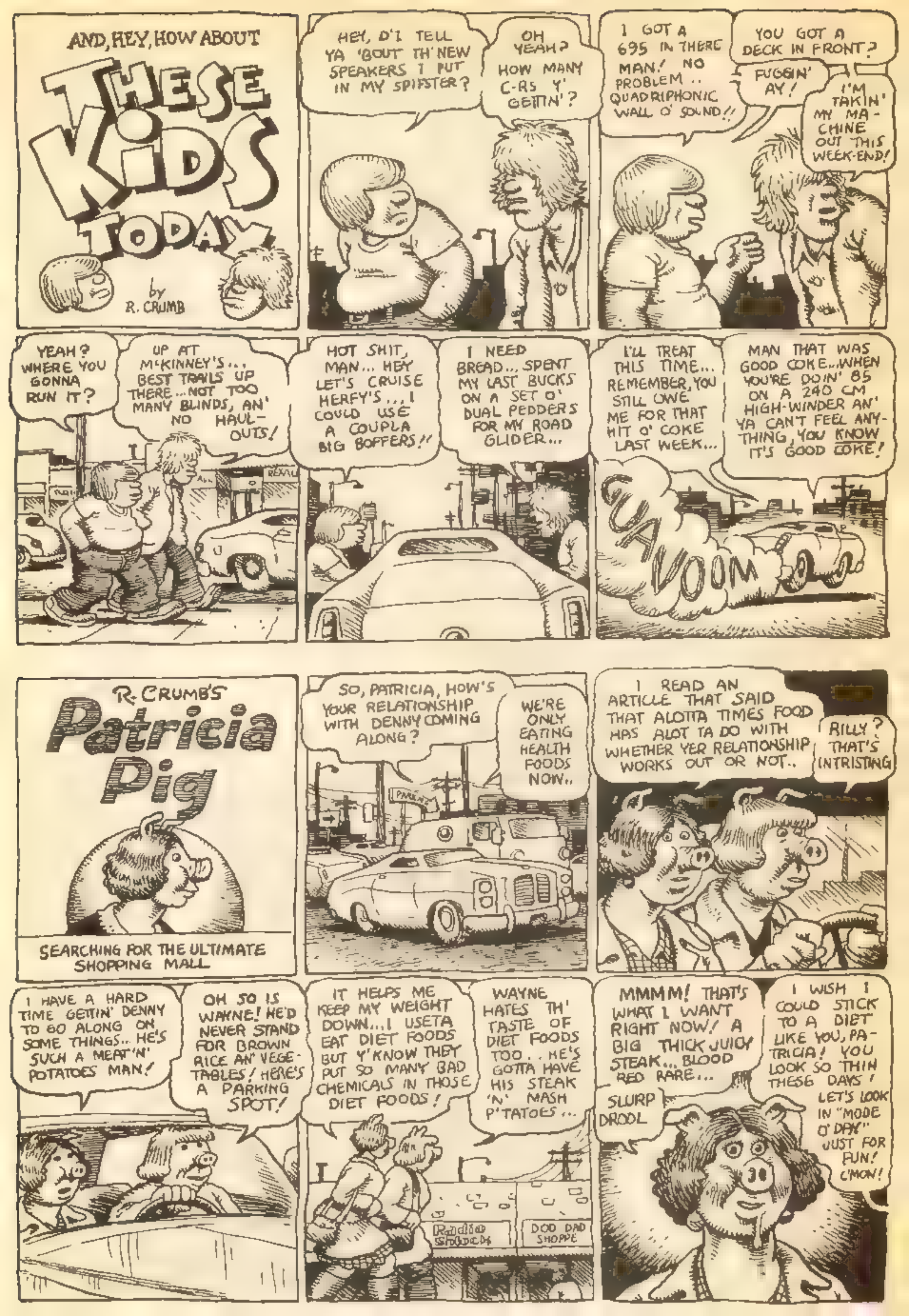
...INVESTMENT?... OH YEAH, RIGHT! HA HA! OKAY! GOOD LUCK, PAL!

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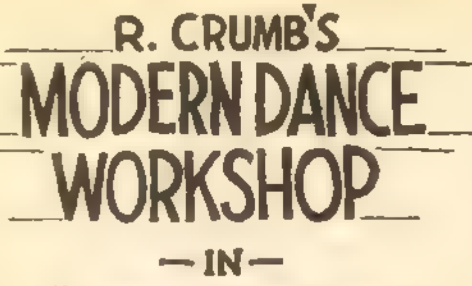
YOU HAVE BEEN LISTENING TO ERSKINE TATE AND HIS ORCHESTRA BROADCASTING FROM THE VENDOME THEATRE... WE INVITE ONE AND ALL TO COME ON DOWN TO THE VENDOME FOR SOME OF THE BEST HIGH CLASS ENTERTAINMENT IN CHICAGO...

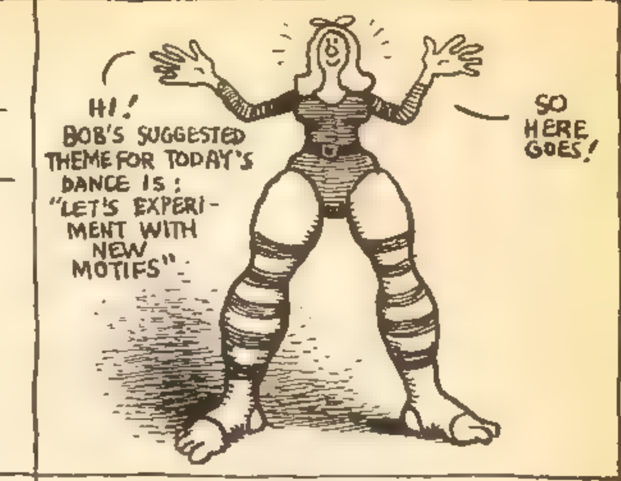
MAN, WHAT A BAND!



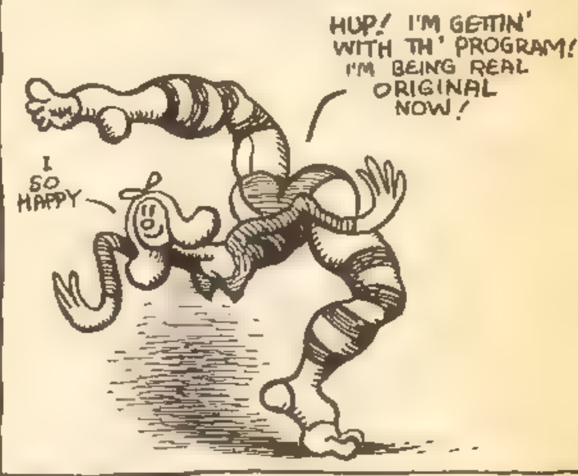

AND, HEY, HOW ABOUT
THESE KIDS TODAY
by
R. CRUMB
HEY, D'I TELL YA 'BOUT TH' NEW SPEAKERS I PUT IN MY SPIFSTER?
OH YEAH? HOW MANY C-RS Y' GETTIN'?
I GOT A 695 IN THERE MAN! NO PROBLEM.. QUADRIPHONIC WALL O' SOUND!!
YOU GOT A DECK IN FRONT?
FUGGIN' AY!
I'M TAKIN' MY MA-CHINE OUT THIS WEEK-END!
YEAH? WHERE YOU GONNA RUN IT?
UP AT McKINNEY'S... BEST TRAILS UP THERE...NOT TOO MANY BLINDS, AN' NO HAUL-OUTS!
HOT SHIT, MAN... HEY LET'S CRUISE HERFY'S... I COULD USE A COUPLA BIG BOFFERS!!
I NEED BREAD... SPENT MY LAST BUCKS ON A SET O' DUAL PEDDERS FOR MY ROAD GLIDER...
I'LL TREAT THIS TIME... REMEMBER, YOU STILL OWE ME FOR THAT HIT O' COKE LAST WEEK...
MAN THAT WAS GOOD COKE...WHEN YOU'RE DOIN' 85 ON A 240 CM HIGH-WINDER AN' YA CAN'T FEEL ANY-THING, YOU KNOW IT'S GOOD COKE!
GUAVOOM
R. CRUMB'S
Patricia Pig
SEARCHING FOR THE ULTIMATE SHOPPING MALL
SO, PATRICIA, HOW'S YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH DENNY COMING ALONG?
WE'RE ONLY EATING HEALTH FOODS NOW..
I READ AN ARTICLE THAT SAID THAT ALOTTA TIMES FOOD HAS ALOT TA DO WITH WHETHER YER RELATIONSHIP WORKS OUT OR NOT..
RILLY? THAT'S INTRISTING
I HAVE A HARD TIME GETTIN' DENNY TO GO ALONG ON SOME THINGS... HE'S SUCH A MEAT 'N' POTATOES MAN!
OH SO IS WAYNE! HE'D NEVER STAND FOR BROWN RICE AN' VEGE-TABLES! HERE'S A PARKING SPOT!
IT HELPS ME KEEP MY WEIGHT DOWN... I USETA EAT DIET FOODS BUT Y'KNOW THEY PUT SO MANY BAD CHEMICALS IN THOSE DIET FOODS!
WAYNE HATES TH' TASTE OF DIET FOODS TOO.. HE'S GOTTA HAVE HIS STEAK 'N' MASH P'TATOES...
Radio Shack
DOD DAD SHOPPE
MMMM! THAT'S WHAT I WANT RIGHT NOW! A BIG THICK JUICY STEAK... BLOOD RED RARE...
SLURP DROOL
I WISH I COULD STICK TO A DIET LIKE YOU, PA-TRICIA! YOU LOOK SO THIN THESE DAYS!
LET'S LOOK IN "MODE O' DAY" JUST FOR FUN! C'MON!

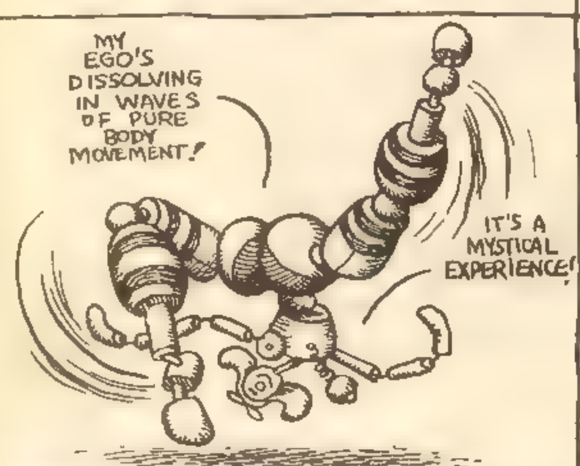

LITTLE JOE
in
"MORBID PREOCCUPATIONS"
BY R CRUMB
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A TYPICAL DAY—
AW JEEZIZ...
BUT WAIT—
TH' WHOLE WORLD'S GONE CRAZY AND LORDY SO AM I!!!!
WHAT—
AWK!
IT'S TH' GRIM REAPER HIDIN' IN TH' CORNER!!
PSST
OH NO! IT CANT BE TRUE!
NOT IN MY HOUSE!
COME ON OVER HERE FOR A SECOND...
DEATH BE NOT PROUD!
HAW!
GOTCHA, CHUMP!
SPLATZ
LET'S GO...
NO... I'M NOT READY! LEMME GO!
HEY WHERE'S YOR SENSE OF "HUMOUS"?! HAR HAR
GIMME MY HAT!
WHAT DO YOU WANT OUT OF LIFE? WHAT DO YOU WANT?!
UH.. UM.. THERE'S SO MUCH TO LIVE FOR! TH'- TH' BEAUTIES OF NATURE! LOVE! TRUTH! ART! UH..
VERY TOUCHING, BUT I'M NOT BUYING IT! WHO D'YA THINK YOU'RE TALKIN' TO?! SOME GREEN KID??
I...I LOVE LIFE... I....
ULP
I KNOW WHAT YOU WANT! YOU WANT EGO TRIUMPHS TO GLOAT OVER ON YOUR DEATH BED... I'VE SEEN A BILLION LIKE YOU! OKAY, I'M GONNA LET YOU OFF THIS TIME, ACE, BUT WATCH YOUR P'S 'N' Q'S...
NOW G'WAN, BEAT IT!!
ULP! Y-YES SIR!
WHEW! THAT WAS CLOSE!!
END

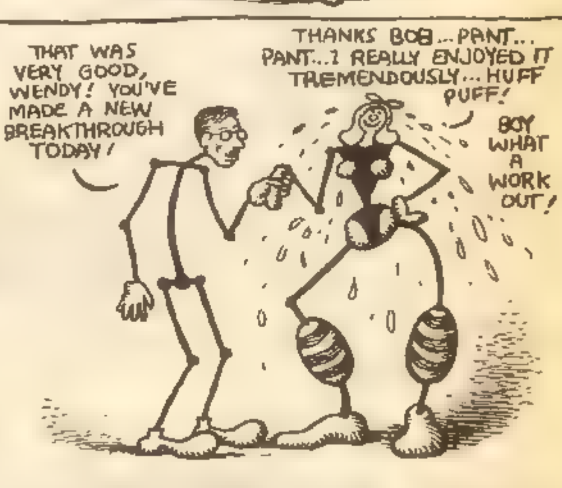

R. CRUMB'S
MODERN DANCE WORKSHOP
— IN —
"A PURELY AESTHETIC EXERSIZE"


HI! BOB'S SUGGESTED THEME FOR TODAY'S DANCE IS: "LET'S EXPERIMENT WITH NEW MOTIFS"
SO HERE GOES!


I'M S'POSED TO BREAK TH' OLD PATTERNS 'N' HABITS!
I LOVE IT!


HUP! I'M GETTIN' WITH TH' PROGRAM! I'M BEING REAL ORIGINAL NOW!
I SO HAPPY

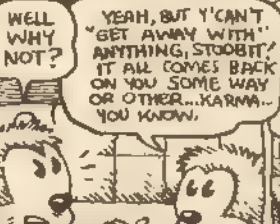

MY EGO'S DISSOLVING IN WAVES OF PURE BODY MOVEMENT!
IT'S A MYSTICAL EXPERIENCE!


THAT WAS VERY GOOD, WENDY! YOU'VE MADE A NEW BREAKTHROUGH TODAY!
THANKS BOB... PANT... PANT... I REALLY ENJOYED IT TREMENDOUSLY... HUFF PUFF!
BOY WHAT A WORK OUT!


THOSE LITTLE BEARS WE LOVE SO MUCH
BY R. CRUMB
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SO, IF NOBODY'S GONNA CARE WHAT I DO A BILLION YEARS FROM NOW, WHY NOT JUS' DO ANYTHING Y' CAN GET AWAY WITH?
WHY NOT INDEED!? SILLY BOY!


WELL WHY NOT?

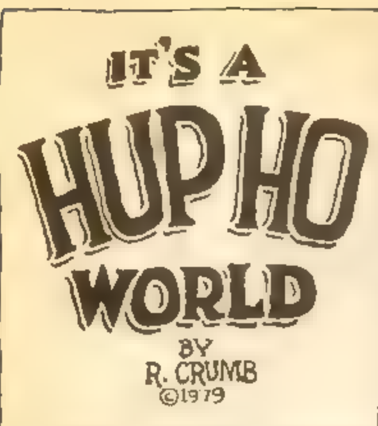

YEAH, BUT Y'CAN'T "GET AWAY WITH" ANYTHING, STOOBIT! IT ALL COMES BACK ON YOU SOME WAY OR OTHER... KARMA.. YOU KNOW.


IT'S TRICKY... Y' WANNA DO TH' RIGHT THING AN' STILL HAVE SOME FUN ONCE IN A WHILE..
YEAH, LIFE'S AN ART...



"THE FINAL SOLUTION"
READ IT 'N' WEEP!
by R. Crumb
IT'S ALL GOTTEN SO COMPLICATED!! THERE'S NO RATIONAL WAY TO MANAGE THESE POWERFUL FORCES ANYMORE.. IT'S TOO BIG FOR ANY ONE MAN..
THE SITUATION DEFINITELY VERGES ON BEING OUT OF CONTROL..
HA..I'VE GOT NEWS FOR YOU, MY FRIENDS... THE SITUATION IS OUT OF CONTROL!
WELL, MR. PRESIDENT, WE MUSTN'T GIVE UP HOPE.. WE'VE GOT TO KEEP WORKING ON IT...
I DON'T KNOW.. I'M TIRED.."BURNED OUT" AS THEY SAY... I'M THE ONE THEY ALL LOOK TO FOR A DECISION... THEY STILL THINK I'M IN A POSITION TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS MESS...
YES.. YOU'RE IN A TOUGH SPOT, SIR... IT'S QUITE TRUE...
NO DOUBT ABOUT IT...
IT'S THE PRESSURE... I'M ALWAYS UNDER SUCH ENORMOUS PRESSURE.. WHO DO THEY THINK I AM?! GOD?!?
WELL, NO ONE EXPECTS YOU TO WORK MIRACLES!
IT'S COMPLICATED.
THE PEOPLE THINK I'M GUTLESS.. LITTLE DO THEY REALIZE WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON. THE STUPID SHEEP!!
YES, I'M AFRAID YOU'RE RIGHT, MR. PRESIDENT... RECENT POLLS SHOW THAT YOUR PUBLIC IMAGE —
MY IMAGE.. MY IMAGE... FUCK MY IMAGE! ...BUNCH OF IGNORANT YAHOOS...
SIR, PERHAPS YOU SHOULD TAKE A SHORT VACATION.. GET AWAY FROM WASHINGTON FOR A FEW DAYS...
YES, MAYBE YOU NEED—
WHY SHOULD I CARE WHAT BECOMES OF THIS NATION?! LET THE ASSHOLES RUN IT INTO THE GROUND! I CAN'T STOP THEM. NO ONE CAN STOP THEM!
BUT SIR, WHAT ABOUT YOUR DEBT TO POSTERITY??
ARE YOU NO LONGER CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT HISTORY MIGHT SAY OF YOU??
HISTORY... YES... POSTERITY... I DON'T WANT THEM TO THINK OF ME AS A MERE OPPORTUNISTIC POLITICIAN OF MEDIOCRE CALIBER..
I'LL BE KNOWN AS A SECOND-RATE PRESIDENT WHO COULDN'T STAND UP TO THE POWER ELITE... AND THEY'LL BE RIGHT... I CAN'T.... OH GOD!
SIR, THERE MUST BE SOME WAY..
IT CAN'T BE THAT THE PRESIDENT IS TOTALLY HELPLESS...
NO, OF COURSE I'M NOT TOTALLY HELPLESS.... I CAN ALWAYS~~
CLIK
DEPLOYS ENTIRE NUCLEAR DEFENSE SYSTEM
HA HA HA HA HA
YOU DIRTY—
BZT
5-4-3-2-1 ZERO!


R. CRUMB'S
MR NOSTALGIA
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BAROOOOOM
HATE TH' MODERN WORLD...
UNISEX TYPE
DON'T WALK
HONK
HONK
SCREECH
HONK
TOO MANY CARS!
HONK
BEEEP
HONK
I WISH IT WAS 1910 WHEN THERE WERE ONLY A FEW AUTOS AND YOU COULD HOP ON A TROLLEY CAR FOR A NICKEL!
LIFE WAS BETTER THEN!
ARROGANT NEGRO
HEY, WHAT'S THIS I SPY IN A SECOND-HAND STORE WINDOW!?
USED FURNITURE & APPLIANCES
DUMPSTER
WOWIE ZOWIE! A 1930s MONITOR-TOP GENERAL ELECTRIC REFRIGERATOR!! LOVE IT LOVE IT!
LOOKS CLEAN!
MUST HAVE!
OH OH! MY ARCH-RIVAL, COLLECTOR ZIDEM IS IN THERE TALKING TO THE GUY!
GODDAMN! THAT LOUSY CREEP ALWAYS BEATS ME TO THE GOOD DEALS! BLAST HIS LUCK!
ALL SALES FINAL
AH! MR. NOSTALGIA! FANCY RUNNING INTO —
HM! I SUPPOSE YOU'RE GRABBING THAT MONITOR-TOP! HOW MUCH DID HE WANT FOR IT??
OH NO, I WAS THINKING ABOUT IT, BUT SINCE I ALREADY HAVE THREE MONITOR REFRIGERATORS I DECIDED NOT TO... BUT WHAT'S THAT IN THE WASTE BIN?
HUH... WHAT? WHERE??
DUMPSTER
OH WILL YOU LOOK WHAT SOME IGNORAMUS HAS THROWN AWAY! JUST THE THING FOR MY CHRISTMAS SEASON COLLECTION!
OLD CARDBOARD CHRISTMAS HOUSES!!
GLOM!
..AND RIGHT THERE IN THE TRASH! I'M SURPRISED YOU DIDN'T SPOT THEM, NOSTY!!
I GIVE UP!
MY, BUT THESE ARE BEAUTIFUL! GOOD CONDITION TOO! CHUCKLE
PLOP!
END





















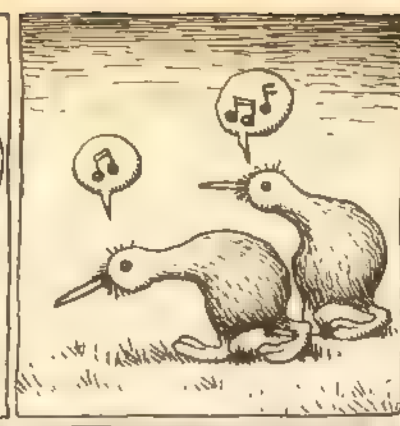


I ABHOR VIOLENCE AS MUCH AS THE NEXT FELLOW, AND GOD KNOWS, IF A BLOODY REVOLUTION DID COME, I'D SAY THE ODDS ARE PRETTY GOOD THAT I'D BE PURGED BY THE FANATIC LEADERSHIP, BUT I'D DIE HAPPY KNOWING THAT THE LOUSY STINKING, PARASITIC, SMUG, DELUDED BOURGEOISIE IN THIS COUNTRY WAS GETTING IT'S COME-UPPANCE... BUT, LET'S FACE IT, IT'LL NEVER HAPPEN...

THE PEOPLE IN POWER HAVE TOO MUCH

THAT'S ALL WE HAVE TIME FOR, PROFESSOR, THANK YOU!!

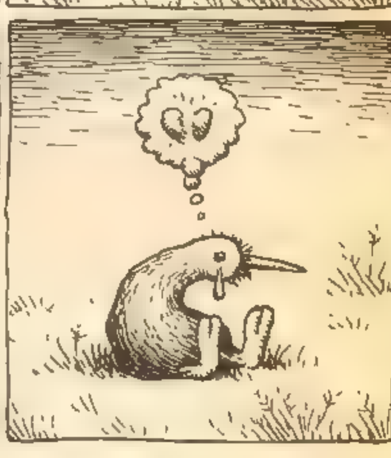

KIWI
BY R. CRUMB




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KAPOW!
KAPOW!


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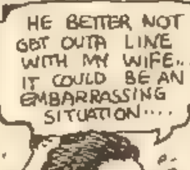



R. CRUMB PRESENTS
Happy Hour
COMICS
HIDE & SEEK CLUB


I BEEN A GARBAGE MAN FER TWENTY YEARS... STARTED NOVEMBER THIRD, 1958...
I'M A REDNECK BEATNIK TOO!
YEAH, AN' I'M GARBAGE!
YER CHEATIN HEART


WE'RE JEWS!
WHEN TEARS COME DOWN
I LOVE EVERYBUDDY! WHAT THA HELL DO I CARE.
LET'S DANCE
YEH, AT'S RIGHT!

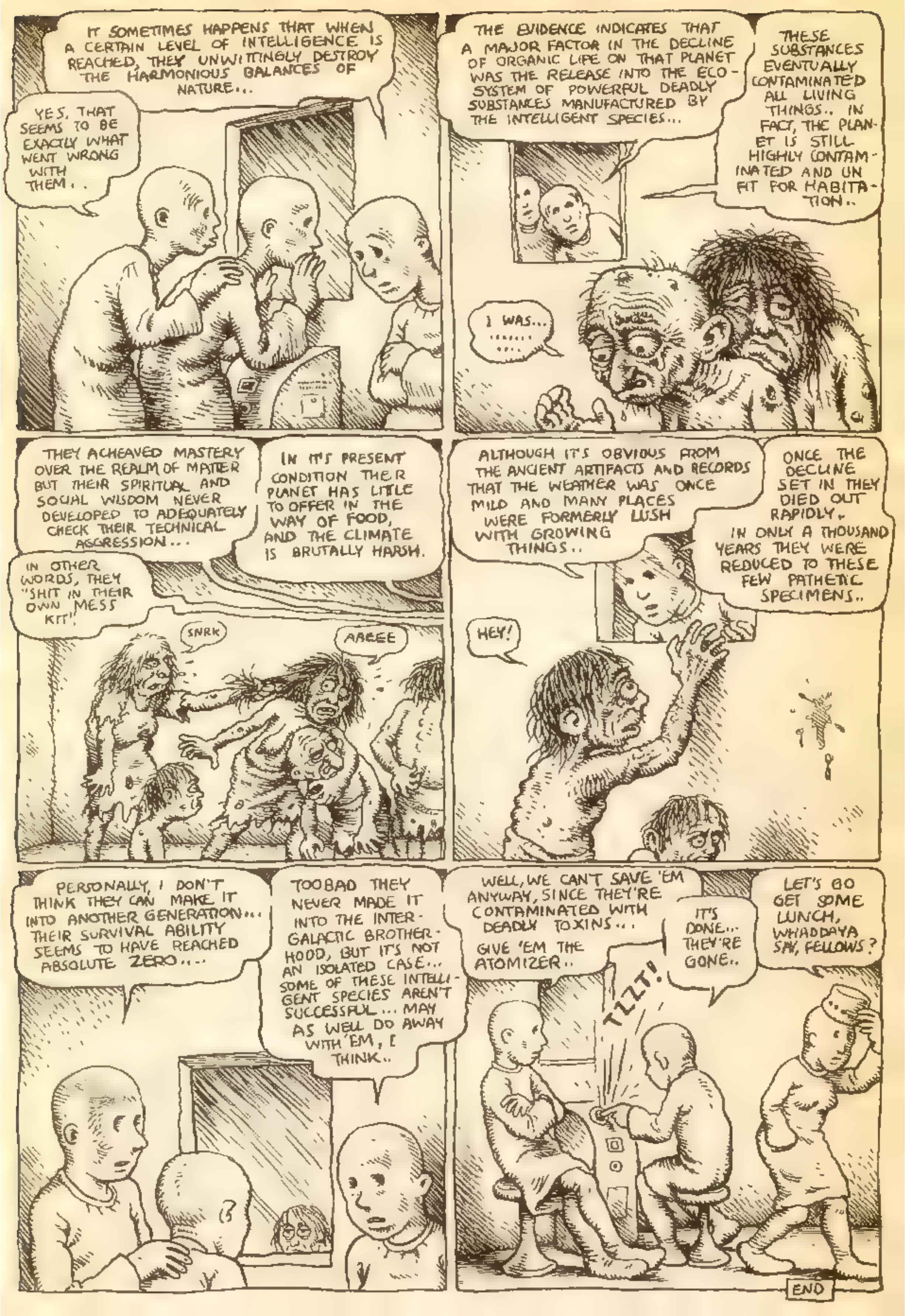

I WANNA PULL YER BEARD...
YOU'LL WALK THE FLOOR
I HADDA CHANCE T' MAKE IT BIG IN L.A., BUT HERE I AM, A GARBAGE MAN... BUT WHAT TH' HELL, I AIN'T COMPLAINING..


HE BETTER NOT GET OUTA LINE WITH MY WIFE.. IT COULD BE AN EMBARRASSING SITUATION....


TONY? NAH, HE'S A HELLUVA NICE GUY... SALT OF TH' EARTH, REALLY!


AN' THERE'S OL' HENRY OVER THERE... HENRY, YOU OL' CRAZY FUCKED-UP SON OF A BITCH!!
NGYAW.. SNUCK.. YER GODDAMN @☆!!!*


MAYBE WE'LL END LIKE THIS...
OKAY WHAT'S THE STORY ON THESE CRITTURS ??
PITIFUL LOOKING BUNCH, AREN'T THEY?
YAWP HAW!
URP
WHA-ME WORRY
WE PICKED THEM UP ON A GUTTED PLANET ABOUT 200 LIGHT YEARS FROM HERE... THE PLACE HAD SEEN BETTER DAYS!
AH HM! THEY DEFINITELY LOOK LIKE DEGENERATE SPECIMENS TO ME!
IT WAS REALLY WRECKED!
THEIR PLANET WAS CLUTTERED WITH ANCIENT RUINED CITIES AND ROADWAYS AND RUSTING MACHINERY.. THESE FOLKS COULDN'T TELL US ANYTHING ABOUT ANY OF IT... THEY SEEM TO HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR OWN HISTORY...
BUT IT WAS SIMPLE ENOUGH TO DEDUCE WHAT HAD HAPPENED THERE...
WUGG
THEIR ANCESTORS WERE HIGHLY INTELLIGENT BUT VERY AGGRESSIVE AND PREDATORY...
AT ONE TIME PROBABLY ABOUT A THOUSAND YEARS AGO THEY OVERRAN THEIR ENTIRE PLANET... THEY MIGHT HAVE NUMBERED IN THE BILLIONS AT THAT TIME...
ONE. TWO.. THREE..
THEIR INTELLIGENCE AND KNOWLEDGE HAD REACHED A CRISIS.. THEY WERE ABLE TO DRASTICALLY MANIPULATE THEIR ENVIRONMENT BUT WERE UNMINDFUL OF THE CONSE-QUENCES.... EVEN THE THREAT TO THEIR OWN GENE POOL SEEMED NOT TO CONCERN THEM VERY MUCH...
UH HUH.. I KNOW OF SEVERAL OTHER PLANETS WITH SIMILAR HISTORIES... THIS IS ALL TOO FAMILIAR...
LOOK HOW THEIR EYES KEEP OOZING CONSTANTLY!


IT SOMETIMES HAPPENS THAT WHEN A CERTAIN LEVEL OF INTELLIGENCE IS REACHED, THEY UNWITTINGLY DESTROY THE HARMONIOUS BALANCES OF NATURE...
YES, THAT SEEMS TO BE EXACTLY WHAT WENT WRONG WITH THEM..
THE EVIDENCE INDICATES THAT A MAJOR FACTOR IN THE DECLINE OF ORGANIC LIFE ON THAT PLANET WAS THE RELEASE INTO THE ECO-SYSTEM OF POWERFUL DEADLY SUBSTANCES MANUFACTURED BY THE INTELLIGENT SPECIES...
THESE SUBSTANCES EVENTUALLY CONTAMINATED ALL LIVING THINGS.. IN FACT, THE PLANET IS STILL HIGHLY CONTAMINATED AND UNFIT FOR HABITATION..
I WAS... ....
THEY ACHEAVED MASTERY OVER THE REALM OF MATTER BUT THEIR SPIRITUAL AND SOCIAL WISDOM NEVER DEVELOPED TO ADEQUATELY CHECK THEIR TECHNICAL AGGRESSION...
IN IT'S PRESENT CONDITION THER PLANET HAS LITTLE TO OFFER IN THE WAY OF FOOD, AND THE CLIMATE IS BRUTALLY HARSH.
IN OTHER WORDS, THEY "SHIT IN THEIR OWN MESS KIT".
SNRK
AREEE
ALTHOUGH IT'S OBVIOUS FROM THE ANCIENT ARTIFACTS AND RECORDS THAT THE WEATHER WAS ONCE MILD AND MANY PLACES WERE FORMERLY LUSH WITH GROWING THINGS..
ONCE THE DECLINE SET IN THEY DIED OUT RAPIDLY. IN ONLY A THOUSAND YEARS THEY WERE REDUCED TO THESE FEW PATHETIC SPECIMENS..
HEY!
PERSONALLY, I DON'T THINK THEY CAN MAKE IT INTO ANOTHER GENERATION... THEIR SURVIVAL ABILITY SEEMS TO HAVE REACHED ABSOLUTE ZERO....
TOO BAD THEY NEVER MADE IT INTO THE INTER-GALACTIC BROTHERHOOD, BUT IT'S NOT AN ISOLATED CASE... SOME OF THESE INTELLIGENT SPECIES AREN'T SUCCESSFUL... MAY AS WELL DO AWAY WITH 'EM, I THINK..
WELL, WE CAN'T SAVE 'EM ANYWAY, SINCE THEY'RE CONTAMINATED WITH DEADLY TOXINS... GIVE 'EM THE ATOMIZER..
IT'S DONE... THEY'RE GONE..
TZZT!
LET'S GO GET SOME LUNCH, WHADDAYA SAY, FELLOWS?
END


Aline 'n' Bob
GO TO THE
WHOLE EARTH JAMBOREE
HEY, IT'S A BEAUTIFUL THING!
BY R. CRUMB and ALINE KOMINSKY ©1978
ALINE, DO YOU WANT TO GO TO THIS "WHOLE EARTH JAMBOREE" OR NOT?
I DUNNO, BOB, IT DEPENDS.... WHAT FAMOUS PEOPLE'LL BE THERE BESIDES US??
HM.... ACCORDING TO THIS FLYER, MARLON BRANDO'S GONNA BE THERE ...HUP!... ALSO GOV'NOR BROWN MIGHT PUT IN AN APPEARANCE.... KEN KESEY, PAUL KRASSNER, THIS ONE, THAT ONE.. IT'S A VERY HIP GATHERING...LOOK, HERE'S MY NAME ON TH' LIST OF BIG SHOTS.... SHUCKS...
WHY AREN'T I ON IT??... I'M PRETTY WITH IT... I'M A FUNNY ARTIST AN' I C'N PLAY THE VIOLIN... DOESN'T STUART BRAND LIKE ME??
HOW SHOULD I KNOW? LOOK, IT SEZ HERE EACH OF THESE PEOPLE GETS FIVE MINUTES TO GIVE A SPEECH OR WHATEVER THEY WANNA DO... WHAT COULD I DO? I CAN'T GIVE A TALK IN FRONT OF ALL THOSE PEOPLE...
WOW, MAYBE I C'N CAMP NEXT TO MARLON BRANDO, AN' THEN HE'LL INVITE ME TO LIVE ON HIS ISLAND!!
MAYBE YOU 'N' ME SHOULD PLAY MUSIC... LET'S PRACTICE A COUPLE OF OUR BETTER NUMBERS... GET OUT YER FIDDLE AN' I'LL PLAY THE GUITAR...
OH BOY, WHAT A TERRIFIC IDEAR!! YEW'N'ME, BOB, A TWO MAN ACT! ME, THE BUNCH, ON STAGE, FRONT 'N CENTER... EEEYEWW!!!



OKAY, FOR A START LET'S TRY "GOOD-BYE OLD PAINT"... WE HAVE THAT ONE DOWN ABOUT AS GOOD AS ANYTHING WE PLAY....
FIDDLIN' DEAF N' DUMB BUNCH*
HIT IT!
dee dee dee dee dee dee I'M GOIN' TO CHEYENNE!
SQUEEK
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WELL, UH, ON THE OTHER HAND, MAYBE WE SHOULD JUST FORGET IT... MAYBE NEXT TIME, HUH, BUNCHIE? OKAY?
WHY WHAT'S WRAWNG? WASN'T THAT GOOD?? HUH? MY VIOLIN TEACHER SEZ I'M DOIN' GOOD!
POOR LI'L HEFFER...
I GUESS YA CAN'T PLAY COUNTRY FIDDLE MUSIC IF YA COME FROM LONG ISLAND!!
THE DOOR... I'LL GET IT..
KNOCK KNOCK
I'LL GO PUNK
HEY YOU GUYS, I THOUGHT I'D STOP BY BEFORE I LEAVE FOR THE BAHAMAS OR PARIS & SEE IF YOU COULD GET ME INTO THE WHOLE EARTH JAMBOREE...
NO, WE CAN'T... SEE WE'RE GOIN' TO THE SPECIAL ENCAMPMENT FOR IMPORTANT PEOPLE LIKE ROBERT N' ME, AN' YOU CAN'T GET IN... SORRY KID!!
YOUTH NO FUTURE
BUT DON'T FEEL TOOO BAD, 'CAUSE I DON'T THINK YOU'LL BE MISSING ANYTHING THAT GREAT!!
BUNCH MUST TORTURE YOUNG GIANT-GIRL!!
LATER AT THE JAMBOREE... HUP!!!
OH BOY, BOB TOFU-KABOBS I WANT ONE... MMM!! WISH I HAD A BEER TOO!!
YIPAY!
YIPAY!
IF THIS ISN'T FUN I CAN ALWAYS GO TO THE RENAISSANCE FAIR!
HEY THERE'S WAVY GRAVY!
THIS IS SO EXCITING, THERE'S TONS OF INTRASTING CREATURES HERE... EW. I WANNA SEE ALL THE BOOTHS TOO... I WONDER IF THEY'RE SELLING ANY NEAT STUFF THAT I CAN BUY!
* I CAN'T DRAW MYSELF PLAYING THE FIDDLE ANY BETTER THAN I CAN PLAY IT!!!


HOW 'BOUT THAT "WAVY GRAVY", ALINE! LOOK, HE'S TAKEN ON THE JOB OF PICKING UP ALL THE TRASH... HE'S ALWAYS DOING SOMETHING IN THE SERVICE OF HUMANITY!
YEA, NOT LIKE ME, A BIG CULTURAL PARASITE!
... AND THERE'S J. BALDWIN, THAT CRAZY NEW-TECHNO-BOY MADMAN ON HIS SOLAR-POWERED TRICYCLE!!
I KNOW HE RODE THAT BY OUR HOUSE YESTERDAY!
...AND WHAT ARE ALL THOSE PEOPLE DOING? OH, THEY MUST BE PLAYING "NEW GAMES", HUH?
ROHBIT, DOES THIS STUFF SEEM LIKE FUN TO YOU!?
HOW COME THEY DON'T PLAY PIN THE TAIL ON THE DONKEY?
THIS IS SOOOO CALIFORNIA! IT'S DEE-LISHOUS
...AND, UH OH, LOOK OUT, THERE'S THE MEDIA CREW.. AN INEVITABLE PART OF ANY SHINDIG LIKE THIS...
HEY, HEY, I'M RELEVANT, OVA' HERE, I'M CUTE... PUT ME ON THE NEWS YEW DIRTY STINKOLAS!!
WATCHING "NEW GAMES"
ROHBIT ALL OF A SUDDEN I FEEL DEPRESSED, KINDA LET DOWN, I DUNNO LIKE I WAS ALL WORKED UP + THEN PUFF... NUTHIN'.!
YEAH WELL, WHAT CAN' I TELL YA— BUT WAIT! WHO'S THAT POPPIN' OUTA YER BACK-PACK?! WHY, IT'S TH' BUNCH'S LI'L PAL "PUNCHY"!
GUESS I'LL HAFTO COME OUT + CHEER UP THE CREATURE!


HI YA BUNCHIE... QUE' PASA, MUÑECA?? WATSA MATTA WIT YA? HUH? HUH? YA GOT PROBLEMS OR SOMETHIN??
I DUNNO PUNCHIE, I FEEL SO ALIENATED FROM OTHER YOUTHS, IT'S NOT HEALTHY!
I MUST NEED READJUSTMENT THERAPY!
BULLSHIT!
HEY, I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS, KID, I MEAN, I'VE ADJUSTED TO BEIN' A WEIRD LOOKING BEAN BAG.. I DON'T GIVE A SHIT... CHEER UP- SMILE-NURTZ!
WHAT A DRIP!
YEA, BUT BASICALLY HUMANS ARE DISGUSDING, ACTUALLY YUR LUCKY NOT TO BE ONE PUNCHIE! I'D RATHER BE YOU!
HEY, BUNCHIE, LOOKAME, WHOA, HEYO, HA, HA, HUP.. HO!!
PATHETIC... JEESIS.... ITS NOT FUNNY, NOW GET BACK IN HERE YEW!!
AWRIGHT AWRIGHT
LATER...NIGHT FALLS AND ALINE 'N' BOB BID FAREWELL TO THE WHOLE EARTH JAMBOREE...
IT WAS A VERY NICE AFFAIR AN' A WONDERFUL TIME WAS HAD BY ALL...
WHERE'S OUR CAR? IT'S TOO DARK OUT HERE TO SEE ANYTHING! @★!!!*!
WELL, OTHER PEOPLE HAD A MEANINGFUL TIME ANYWAY.
WHAT THE — A POLICE CAR! POINTING BLINDING LIGHTS AT US! UH-OH! LOOKS LIKE WE'RE GONNA GET "DONE" NOW, ALINE!!
HEY, 'S'HAPPENING? THEY GOT ANY GOOD MUSIC DOWN THERE?
OH, IT'S OKAY, I GUESS... NOTHIN' TO DANCE TO... JUST THAT FOLK MUSIC STUFF... THEY'RE A BUNCH OF COMMUNISTS AT THAT THING... THEY ALL HATE TH' GOVERNMENT DOWN THERE...
OH YEAH? THAT SOUNDS MELLOW... I'M THINKIN' I'LL GO DOWN TOMORROW 'N' DIG IT... HEY, LATER... YOU GUYS TAKE IT EASY, HUH??
TIMES HAVE CHANGED!
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